MARKETING HOMES IN CHINA
MARK WIENS
REALTOR® | 专业地产经纪
PERSONAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION
778.840.7653
This communication is not intended to induce a breach of an existing agency relationship.
Sutton WestCoast Realty You've found a home

goh BALLET GOHNUTCRACKER.COM
"An Outstanding Production" – THE VANCOUVER SUN
SWEET SEATS FROM $28!
The Nutcracker
DECEMBER 15–20
GohNutcracker.com
PRINCIPAL DANCERS from the NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA
LIVE MUSIC performed by THE VANCOUVER OPERA ORCHESTRA
THE CENTRE IN VANCOUVER. 777 HOMER ST.
DE BEERS JEWELLERY

Vancouver metro

Your essential daily news | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016 | High 7°C/Low 6°C Rain, of course

P(L)AYING FAIR
SERENA WILLIAMS FOR EQUAL PAY IN SPORTS
metroLIFE

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHEN WILL IT EVER STOP RAINING?

Not any time soon (sorry) metroNEWS

Don't blame foreigners for our real estate

HOUSING CRISIS

CMHC boss decries racial economics

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Foreign buyers are not to blame for skyrocketing real estate, the CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation told a Vancouver audience on Wednesday.

"The evidence tells us that the origin of investor activity in Canadian real estate is primarily domestic," Evan Siddall said.

He indicated that B.C.'s foreign buyer tax was poor economics and has a disturbing racial quality.

"When a white person buys a house, we don't know. When a person of a different colour does, we do, and that's not good economics."

A new CMHC report released Wednesday shows that foreign buyers own just 2.2 per cent of condominium units in Vancouver and 2.3 per cent in Toronto.

Data collected by the B.C. government between June and October shows that foreign buyers represented 10 per cent of total transactions in June, rising to 19 per cent in July, the same month a 15 per cent property transfer tax on foreign buyers of Metro Vancouver real estate was announced. It fell to 0.5 per cent of transactions in August (the tax took effect on Aug. 1) and was just 3.6 and 1.7 per cent of total transactions in September and October.

While some have taken the sharp rise and fall of transactions to be proof that foreign buyers were playing a large part in the Vancouver market, Siddall said that wasn't the case: the market had started to slow before the tax was introduced, and he described the July spike as a "pull-forward of demand."

Siddall suggested the local real estate market response has more to do with psychology than actual reduced demand: people believed the tax would work, and that reduced the expectation that real estate would continue to rise.

Overall, a combination of low interest rates, various government tax credits and incentives that encourage home ownership, the growing use of housing as an investment, and economic and population growth are behind the steep rise in real estate prices, Siddall said. But that's led to a dangerous increase in household debt levels and a larger share of incomes being devoted to housing, which can reduce consumer spending in other parts of the economy.

"Housing has started to nibble away at our economy," he said. "Real estate conditions and transfer costs now dwarf spending in research and development."

Siddall believes demand will continue to remain strong in Metro Vancouver, and the only real solution is to increase supply through speeding up the building process and increasing density.

PIPElandia Negotiation, court — or the barricades metroNEWS

SHOP HARLEY FOR BADNESS SAKE.

TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES

1875 BOUNDARY RD., VANCOUVER 604-291-2453

WWW.TREVDEELEY.COM

TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES
VANCOUVER, BC CANADA

metro NEWS
Your essential daily news

The Obamas are celebrating their last Christmas in the White House. **World**

Ottawa close to meeting five pipeline conditions

KINDER MORGAN

Clark wants assurances on jobs, economic benefits for B.C.

Premier Christy Clark says the federal government is close to meeting British Columbia's five conditions for its approval of the Kinder Morgan pipeline, but with those conditions come about a dozen other sticking points.

"The federal government, through its work as the result of our very hard work over the last four-and-a-half years, has come very, very close to making sure they meet the five conditions we set out," she said Wednesday at a news conference in Vancouver.

Clark said her government is still working with Ottawa on spill response and it wants assurances on jobs and the economic benefits for B.C.

B.C.'s five conditions include world-leading marine and land oil spill response and prevention, First Nations participation and opportunity, a fair share of economic benefits and successful environmental reviews. (See Metro's Pipelandia series for more on the five conditions, page 4).

But while Clark was optimistically suggesting the five conditions would be met well before the spring election, B.C.'s environment minister fired off a letter to three federal cabinet ministers listing 10 gaps in marine spill response.

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark leaves after responding to the federal government approval of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project, during a news conference in Vancouver on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Among the 10 gaps are: clarification of the proposed ban on tanker traffic in B.C.'s northern waters, adequate coast guard services for the West Coast and timely readiness of federal funds to cover costs of spill responses and cleanups.

A Conference Board of Canada report earlier this year found the Kinder Morgan expansion project would generate $18.5 billion in revenues for the federal and provincial governments over the first 20 years of operations.

B.C.'s fifth condition, which seeks a fair share of fiscal and economic benefits that reflect the level of risk borne by the province, is tied to the economic returns of the Kinder Morgan project.

"(The premier) has always said it's about the company. It's not about the other provinces or anybody else," said a senior B.C. government official, speaking on a background basis.

Talks about meeting the fair share condition are on hold and awaiting the results of a soon-to-be complete B.C. environmental assessment of the Kinder Morgan project, the official said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

BACKGROUND

Trudeau announced Tuesday that the project will be approved with 157 conditions. The project would triple the capacity of the Trans Mountain pipeline, from 300,000 to 890,000 barrels a day, and add 980 kilometres of new pipe along the route from near Edmonton to Burnaby.

CONTROVERSY

Liberals brace for backlash

Justin Trudeau's promise to let backbenchers be the voice of their constituents in Ottawa is being tested as B.C. Liberal MPs grapple with the political fallout from the decision to approve Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline.

A number of the Liberals' 17 MPs from the province acknowledged that they're disappointed with the decision, which they said is deeply unpopular with many of their constituents.

And at least one backbencher, Vancouver's Hedy Fry, predicted the move will cost her votes in the next election. But at the same time, the B.C. backbenchers made a distinction between their own roles in defending the interests of their constituents and the prime minister's duty to make decisions in the national interest.

"I have been advancing the perspective of Vancouver Quadra constituents since many years ago on these issues and, at a certain point, a government needs to make a decision on what they believe is in the national interest and this is the decision that's made," said Joyce Murray, a former B.C. environment minister.

Immediate reaction to the decision has been so fierce in Murray's riding that she's advised staff in her Vancouver office, who are "bearing the brunt of people's anger and sense of betrayal and concern," that they need to "protect their own well-being." Protests are also "a real possibility," she acknowledged.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 reasons to choose Stenberg's
PRACTICAL NURSING Program

OUR GRADS Our grads are our difference. They are better prepared, more highly regarded and get hired.

OUR INSTRUCTORS Our instructors are caring, highly competent and committed to our student's success.

OUR FACILITIES Our state-of-the-art Simulation Lab utilizes High Fidelity Mannequins which enhances learning and better prepares our students.

"Our instructor not only pushed us to excel in our studies but believed in us and was there for us whenever we needed her. She had faith in our success." – Nelofar Rahimi, LPN

STENBERG COLLEGE 604-580-2772 • stenbergcollege.com

PIPELANDIA

Meet in court or at barricades

Canada likely to face First Nations in court over Kinder Morgan pipeline

DAVID P. BALL/METRO

"This Prime Minister acknowledged nation-to-nation," lamented Squamish Nation Chief Ian Campbell. But by approving the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion on Tuesday, "this goes against that spirit of reconciliation."

Chief Campbell is just one of dozens of First Nations leaders and members who have, since the Trans Mountain expansion was proposed, galvanized rallies, testified at hearings, filed lawsuits, and canoed and prayed in front of the Texas energy giant's Burnaby facilities.

Few First Nations leaders have expressed their backing publicly for the project, but Kinder Morgan has cited support agreements signed with several bands, and has said its project would be a boon for skilled jobs on often under-employed reserves.

On Wednesday, Premier Christy Clark told reporters she believed the federal government could quickly address what remain of her "five conditions" (see sidebar), the fourth of which — aboriginal consultation — is likely to be resolved in the country's courtrooms in coming years.

But for Chief Campbell, approving Kinder Morgan broke many First Nations' trust.

Federal transport minister Marc Garneau countered that his party's election pledge to respect a "nation-to-nation" relationship with indigenous people wasn't broken by its approval of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline on Tuesday.

Asked how he hoped to restore trust with many B.C. First Nations opposing the $7-billion pipeline, Garneau said the federal Liberals would do that "by continuing the dialogue and explaining what's involved" in a previously announced $1.5-billion ocean protection plan.

"We need to, as a government, explain why we felt this was a safe undertaking," he told Metro in a telephone interview Wednesday. "We consulted — there are 117 different groups along the pipeline — consultation was fairly extensive …

"Having said that, it is very difficult on a big, complex issue like this to get unanimous consent. It doesn't stop us from continuing to try to achieve as much consensus as possible, some of it by explaining things, but we feel we have a large degree of support."

But while aboriginal people in B.C. are likely to be among the thousands of short-term jobs created to expand the existing Trans Mountain route, allowing it to nearly triple the flow of diluted bitumen from Alberta to the West Coast, Canada's courts will ultimately decide Kinder Morgan's fate, according to an expert on aboriginal law.

Bill Gallagher, author of Resource Rulers, cited this summer's Supreme Court rejection of the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline, overturning its federal approval on the grounds that First Nations hadn't been adequately consulted, as required by the Canadian constitution.

John Ridsdale, Chief Namoks, of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation, centre left, signs a declaration opposing a crude oil pipeline and tanker expansion in 2011. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I'd say that's the biggest win on the road to resources by First Nations," he told Metro.

"To void a project fronted by a Prime Minister, the government of Alberta, and the entire cabinet of the former government — that shows there's a recent precedent out there that, if you forget to factor in the rise of native empowerment, the First Nations are able to prevail in court.

"You can negotiate, you can meet them in court, or you can meet them at the barricades."

Since publishing his book two years ago, Gallagher said the "legal winning streak" of aboriginal people over natural resource decisions has risen from 150 victories to 235.

While he said he has "no crystal ball" to predict individual outcomes, First Nations primarily from B.C. have gradually changed the dial through the legal system, and Kinder Morgan will likely be no different.

But one thing he sees as different is that the First Nations are not alone — in B.C. they have the backing and resources of municipal mayors such as Vancouver's Gregor Robertson and Burnaby's Derek Corrigan, as well as the alliance of the environmental movement.

Kinder Morgan Canada's president, Ian Anderson, called on opponents — who have vowed to fight the project in the courts and the streets — to remain "lawful and respectful" as the pipeline moves towards completion in 2019.

"We've got a lot of work ahead of us and we're looking forward to getting from 'yes' to starting to build," he told reporters during a conference call on Wednesday. "I don't think I'd be sitting here today if I didn't think we could continue on the path to building and executing on this project."

Eugene Kung, a lawyer with West Coast Environmental Law who works extensively with First Nations communities and this week travelled with Tsleil-Waututh Nation to Ottawa to reiterate their opposition to Kinder Morgan, told Metro that meeting the Crown's legal obligations to "meaningfully consult" First Nations will be difficult on this project.

"We know that the direction of courts in Canada has been towards consent — at least, consultation with the goal of reaching consent — and that clearly hasn't happened (with Trans Mountain)," he said.

"We're going to see, I think, a series of lawsuits following a federal decision when one happens in the next few weeks."

Chief Campbell confirmed that the Squamish Nation's elected leadership was briefed Wednesday afternoon about their legal options, before an appeal period ends after 15 days.

"We want a solid mandate from our chief and council before our next move," he explained. "Definitely the Northern Gateway (ruling) is the current legal test.

"The ruling out of that case spelled out where the Crown went wrong with consultation — and how they didn't take the concerns of First Nations seriously through meaningful engagement. Well, we've experienced the same response."

— WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

ABOUT THIS SERIES

B.C.'s five conditions in July 2012, after protests against another proposal: Enbridge Northern Gateway

MONDAY 1. Complete environmental review process.
TUESDAY 2. Safeguard B.C. coast with "world-leading" marine oil spill measures.
WEDNESDAY 3. Reduce and manage risk of oil spill from pipeline over land.
THURSDAY 4. Address legal obligations to aboriginal and treaty rights, and indigenous benefits.
FRIDAY 5. B.C. gets "fair share" of economic benefits, reflecting "risk borne" by taxpayers and environment.

READER FEEDBACK
Tell us what you think about the proposed by emailing Vancouver@metronews.ca

TIMELINE | Landmark B.C. First Nations court cases

1973 — Calder (Nisga'a) Nisga'a Nation sues B.C. over logging. First time Canada's Supreme Court acknowledges aboriginal land title before colonization.

1990 — Sparrow (Musqueam) Case against Musqueam fisherman was the first Supreme Court test of Canadian constitution's protection of aboriginal rights.

1997 — Delgamuukw (Gitxsan/Wet'suwet'en) Supreme Court of Canada rules governments must consult with First Nations and compensate them for infringing resource rights.

2004 — Haida Nation Supreme Court declares government must meaningfully consult and accommodate aboriginal groups before exploiting their traditional lands.

2014 — Williams (Tsilhqot'in) In historic win, Canada's top court rules government must get First Nations' approval to exploit resources on title lands, unless consulted and proven in public interest.

2016 — Gitxaala Federal Court of Appeal rejects Ottawa's 2014 Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline approval, ruling it hadn't adequately consulted affected First Nations.

SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS, CANLII

TODAY ONLY!

Thursday, December 1

IN STORE AND AT THEBAY.COM

FREE ONLINE SHIPPING ON ORDERS OF $99 OR MORE:

50% off

Women's boots by
SAM EDELMAN
VINCE CAMUTO
FRANCO SARTO
NINE WEST
NATURALIZER
CALVIN KLEIN
DESIGN LAB
and many more brands**

Canada's #1 Seller of Women's Boots

Plus, 40% off

women's winter and rain boots by **COUGAR, LONDON FOG** and **AQUATHERM BY SANTANA**

HUDSON'S BAY

No rain checks and no price adjustments. No pre-orders or telephone orders. Offer available while quantities last. Cannot be combined with other offers. Selection may vary by store. Savings are off our regular prices unless otherwise specified. Excludes Hudson's Bay Company Collection. See in store for details. ***FREE SHIPPING:** Receive free standard shipping on a total purchase amount of $99 or more before taxes. Offer is based on merchandise total and does not include taxes or any additional charges. Free standard shipping is applied after discounts and/or promotion code offers. Offer not valid at Hudson's Bay or any other HBC stores. Additional fees apply for Express or Next Day Shipping. Applies to Canadian delivery addresses only. Excludes furniture, canoes, patio furniture, patio accessories, barbeques and mattresses. ****Women's boots:** Off our original prices; Exclude New Spring Arrivals, Cole Haan, COACH, Frye, Nike, The Room, UGG Australia, Dept 146 Designer Collections, Dept 875 White Space; Other exclusions apply, see store for details.

Waiting in line for years, Port Moody is ready to get moving

TRANSPORT

Mayor insists it's high time for Evergreen's long overdue arrival

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Port Moody Mayor Mike Clay has full confidence ridership on the Evergreen Line will be high when it finally opens Friday.

After all, Tri-Cities communities have been planning and building for rapid transit since the 90s, when the line was originally announced and slated to open in 2000.

Developments have increased in density as young families have moved in and changed the complexion of formerly sleepy, car-dominated suburban neighbourhoods.

The only thing missing in these transit-oriented communities is the transit.

Which is why Clay says the $1.4 billion Evergreen Line is a game-changer.

"We've grown ahead of transit in this case, for sure," Clay told Metro. "It was first slated for 2000. That's 16 years ago. It would have been helpful, if not necessary then. Now, it's not only necessary but long overdue."

In the 90s, Port Moody approved 7,000 to 8,000 homes along the originally slated Evergreen route.

Burned by constant delays, Clay said council bunkered down into "no new homes mode" until confirmation of the Evergreen Line was reaffirmed.

Now the city has 24 smaller multiple-family developments sitting before the city's planning department and up to three more high-density village proposals that are nearing the application phase.

Large urban villages, meanwhile, have been sprouting up all over Coquitlam in advance of the Evergreen Line.

So when TransLink estimates some 70,000 people will eventually use the Evergreen Line daily, Clay has no reason to doubt them.

"TransLink has some high numbers and some people have been skeptical but I think [ridership] is going to be towards the higher end of those projections," he said. "That will drive our future planning and what kind of density and development we need before we reach saturation point."

The city's population is expected to grow by up to 40 per cent in the next 20 to 30 years.

"The reality is we're not the little suburban enclave that we were when my parents or grandparents moved to Port Moody. The whole Lower Mainland is a very different place," Clay said.

"It's going to grow, obviously. People are going to have to adjust their lifestyles. What we are going to be more aware of is perceptions and concerns that precede reality, people saying, 'you can't possibly put another 10,000 people in this city.' There's no way to preassure people. I think we have development plans that are strategic and move in a direction towards our general vision without being hasty or not well thought out."

A SkyTrain runs along the Evergreen Line along North Road; the line is scheduled to finally open Friday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

With Metro Vancouver expected to grow by a million people by 2040, Simon Fraser University associate professor of urban studies Peter Hall says Port Moody will see growth regardless of the Evergreen Line.

70,000

TransLink's estimate of how many Metro Vancouver residents will use the Evergreen Line on a daily basis, with Port Moody's population expected to grow by 40 per cent in coming decades.

The question is how to manage the growth, and access to rapid transit helps.

"A transit line is going to have more influence on where growth takes place and the nature of that growths than the actual level of growth," said Hall.

"In the case of the Evergreen Line, that's actually been clear in advance of the opening. The existing demand for the service is already in place. I think ridership is going to be quite high."

Clay, for one, will be celebrating this weekend.

"I think the challenges and any downsides to this are behind us," he said.

"The construction is over and now we're looking at the benefits and the opportunities this brings to our community and businesses."

BOTTLENECK

Commercial-Broadway capacity concern

The biggest bottleneck in Metro Vancouver's public transit system will be further stretched by the Evergreen Line, according to SFU urban studies associate professor Peter Hall.

Commercial-Broadway station is already the second busiest station in the region and the most congested during rush hour as the Expo Line, Millennium Line and 99 B-line bus converge to create a chaotic rush-hour of crowding, pass ups and frustration.

The opening of the Evergreen Line Friday, expected to attract even more riders to the Millennium Line, will only make things worse, said Hall.

"I think there are some really important operational questions for TransLink. It's smart that they're launching [Evergreen] at the end of the SFU term and into the holiday period because there are definitely going to be some confused riders and some challenges with the transfer points," he said. "One of the obvious shortcomings that we're all going to learn about is that Broadway and Commercial is being asked to do something it just can't do. It's just going to be a lot more volume at an already busy facility."

TransLink spokesperson Chris Bryan told Metro the transit authority is doing everything it can to alleviate more congestion.

Millennium Line trains (Evergreen included) already run more frequently to avoid large build-ups of passengers travelling downtown.

Expo Line trains from downtown to Surrey are now longer to allow more people to board and clear platform space.

TransLink is also upgrading the station with a new pedestrian overpass and a third Expo Line platform to increase capacity and speed up boarding times.

"The concerns are certainly understandable, it's an incredibly busy hub today," said Bryan. "We're doing everything we can to alleviate the crowding there and make it go more smoothly when additional people board with the Evergreen extension opening."

> **We're doing everything we can to alleviate crowding.**
> Chris Bryan

In the long term, Hall said it's important for the region to close transit loops (by further expanding the system) and either eliminate the need for transferring trains or integrating with other alternatives like the Canada Line.

"We have a system which is actually a series of one-way dead ends. If there was somewhere else people could go beyond VCC-Clark — downtown or through to Olympic Village or City Hall-Broadway, even out to UBC — that would certainly alleviate some of the congestion we'll experience at Commercial-Broadway," Hall said. "I think those kind of questions are going to come up again once people get used to the Evergreen Line."

Vancouver's proposed subway along Broadway to Arbutus Street — part of the currently unfunded Phase 2 of the region's 10-year transit plan — is intended to do just that.

Until then, Hall said it's not the worst problem for transit and urban planners to have.

"At least you've got a good news story here," he said. "Lots of people wanting to transfer [and taking public transit] is a good thing."

The Millennium Line platform at Commercial-Broadway station. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 ONLY!

20x

THE SHOPPERS OPTIMUM POINTS®

WHEN YOU SPEND $75 OR MORE† ON ALMOST ANYTHING IN THE STORE.

FREE feels good

PLUS GET MORE POINTS & MORE SAVINGS ON THE STUFF YOU WANT

THREE EASY STEPS...

1. GET OUR APP or visit myoptimum.ca
2. LOAD YOUR DIGITAL COUPONS
3. USE YOUR OPTIMUM CARD

Download on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

PLUS RED HOT SAVINGS Saturday, December 3 to Friday, December 9

$80 each
FRAGRANCE SAMPLER & CERTIFICATE FOR HER or HIM

19.99 each
ALFRED SUNG JEWEL (100mL) or **PINK SUGAR** (50mL) FRAGRANCES
Selected Types
While quantities last. No rainchecks

20% off‡
THE COLOR INSTITUTE STUDIO SECRETS PROFESSIONAL RUNWAY PALETTE or THE ULTIMATE NAIL 23 PIECE NAIL ART COLLECTION

11.99 each
AXE 3 PIECE GIFT SET
Selected Types
While quantities last
No rainchecks

29.99 each
GILLETTE PROSHIELD or VENUS SWIRL GIFT SET

24.99 each
NYX LIQUID SUEDE or WANDERLUST LIP & EYE COLLECTIONS
Selected Types

13.99 each
QUALITY STREET IMPORTED CHOCOLATES and CARAMELS 725g

8.99 each
TURTLES (317g - 350g) or **TOBLERONE** (360g) CHOCOLATES
Selected Types

29.99 each
VTECH GO! GO! SMART WHEELS PLAYSET

36.99 each
2016 HOLIDAY BARBIE

379.99 each
PS4 500GB CONSOLE with UNCHARTED 4

Receive a FREE $50 Shoppers Gift Card with purchase PLU 21230

449.99 each
ACER 15.6" 6GB/1TB QUADCORE WINDOWS 10 NOTEBOOK BUNDLE
Includes: Mouse, Sleeve and USB

SHOPPERS DRUG MART

Prices and Shoppers Optimum Bonus Points® in effect from Saturday, December 3 to Friday, December 9, 2016 while quantities last. We reserve the right to limit quantities. *Our Regular Price. ‡Plus Environmental Handling or Disposal Fees where applicable. †Points are issued according to the net pre-tax purchase total of eligible products after redemptions and discounts and before taxes using a valid Shoppers Optimum Card®. Excludes prescription purchases, Shoppers Optimum Bonus Points®, products that contain codeine, non-pointable items, tobacco products (where applicable), lottery tickets, passport photos, stamps, transit tickets and passes, event tickets, gift cards, prepaid phone cards, prepaid card products and Shoppers Home Health Care® locations. Offer applies to photofinishing services that are picked up and paid for on the day of the offer only. Not to be used in conjunction with any other Shoppers Optimum Points® promotions or offers. See cashier for details. ® 911979 Alberta Ltd.

Shelters offer respite for city's highest number of homeless

EMERGENCY

Vancouver still struggling as number of beds falls short

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

For the past few months, he's been sleeping in a tent in a city park in Vancouver's West End neighbourhood.

But as he packed up his tent in the pouring rain on Wednesday morning under the watchful eye of two park rangers, Matt, 31, said he might be willing to move into one of the emergency winter shelters that have been added to neighbourhoods like the Downtown Eastside, Commercial Drive and the West End.

The City of Vancouver opens its last emergency winter shelter on December 1, bringing the total number of additional spots to 195. But as the city struggles to cope with the highest number of homeless people in 10 years, the total number of shelter beds still falls short of housing everyone who is living on the street.

"When we did the homeless count in March 2016, we found over 500 people on the street in Vancouver," said Abigail Bond, director of housing policy for the City of Vancouver. "We're opening up 195 shelter spaces this year, but we still do anticipate that there may be people who aren't able to find a warm, safe place to sleep."

Bond added that the city will continue to work with BC Housing, which provides the funding to operate the winter shelters, to add more capacity in the coming months.

Sean Spear, associate director of RainCity Housing.

A new low-barrier shelter at 1401 Hornby Street offers shelter throughout the day and night for 40 people. JEN ST. DENIS/METRO

The former Art Knapp garden store at 1401 Hornby near the north side of the Burrard Street Bridge will offer 40 beds in a low-barrier shelter that will be operated by RainCity Housing and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Hornby Street shelter and another 40-bed shelter at 1st Avenue and Commercial Drive, also operated by RainCity, welcome couples, dogs, allows drug use and have storage space for shopping carts and other belongings.

"There are other shelters where you have to line up at night and then you're out in the daytime, and you have to repeat that pattern day after day," said Sean Spear, associate director of RainCity Housing. "When you come in here, we work with you around getting into housing, people have an opportunity to rest, eat and deal with the health issues they may be living with."

The goal is to have high turnover in the shelter as people are helped to find permanent housing, Spear said.

> **We're opening up 195 shelter spaces this year, but we still do anticipate that there may be people who aren't able to find a warm, safe place to sleep.**
> Abigail Bond, director of housing policy for the City of Vancouver

Last week, the city shut down a tent city that had been located on a city-owned vacant lot at 58 W. Hastings Street for the past five months, arguing it had become unsanitary and dangerous. When some of the former residents and activists moved to Thornton Park across from Pacific Central Station to set up a new tent city, park rangers and police moved quickly to take the tents down the next morning. Seven people were arrested and briefly detained by police.

In a previous interview with Metro, DJ Larkin, a lawyer with Pivot Legal, said it's become common to see police and city workers moving people who sleep outside along. It amounts to "displacing people every day," she said. Larkin believes the city should allow and provide services to a tent city as one tool to deal with the situation.

"There are hundreds of people on the street," she said. "Just last week I watched (bylaw officers) throwing out people's belongings. I watched police moving someone out from under a bridge. We watched people being evicted from a park."

When people are tenting in parks, the city's homeless outreach team approaches first to offer help, and park rangers then ask them to leave in the morning, Bond said.

The outreach workers are trying to convince people to come inside, Bond said, because "we find that people make much better decisions about their future once they've been inside for a few days."

Regional homelessness task force dealing with more tent cities

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

With tent cities becoming more prevalent throughout Metro Vancouver, the regional district has established a new task force to tackle rising homelessness.

Chaired by Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Maple Ridge Mayor Nicole Read, the new group will focus on lobbying the provincial government early next year to deliver more shelter and housing for people across the region.

First, the group will get municipalities working together to collect region-wide statistics on the number of homeless people in Metro Vancouver, shelter use, tent cities and how many shelter and interim housing spaces are needed to get people off the streets.

Over the last year, tent cities in Vancouver, Abbotsford and Maple Ridge raised new awareness of homelessness throughout the Lower Mainland.

The City of Vancouver's 2016 homeless count identified a record number of people living on the streets or in shelters: 1,847 people, up six per cent from 2015.

The last region-wide count in 2014 identified 2,777 homeless people, up four per cent from 2008.

"We have to find a way to work collaboratively to get these people into proper homes," said Read in a statement Wednesday. "Given the urgency of the situation and the dire need for a co-ordinated regional approach, the inaugural meeting of the new Regional Homelessness Task Force will be convened next week."

The task force includes six mayors, seven chief administrative officers for various municipalities with the support of staff from all Metro Vancouver municipalities, BC Housing, the province and social service agencies to gather the necessary data.

The first set of recommendations are expected to be ready by spring 2017.

A man sleeps rough in Vancouver. MATT DESOUZA/METRO FILE

North Vancouver MLA Jane Thornthwaite speaks at the Canadian Mental Health Association B.C.'s Before Stage 4 conference in Victoria on Wednesday. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

58,000 kids in B.C. 'not being treated'

MENTAL ILLNESS

Most common issues also most preventable, says association

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

If you took all B.C.'s 58,000 kids not getting needed treatment for mental illness — and put them in one place — they'd number nearly the population of New Westminster.

That number represents seven in every ten children in the province who have a mental health disorder, according to research presented at the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) B.C.'s conference in Victoria this week.

"These shortfalls would never be tolerated for childhood infectious diseases, diabetes or cancer," said Charlotte Waddell, director of the Children's Mental Health Policy Centre at Simon Fraser University, in a speech.

"(They) can no longer be tolerated for children's mental health."

And according to the CMHA B.C., which hosted its Before Stage 4 provincial conference from Monday to Wednesday, it's not as if those children are untreatable.

The most common mental health issues amongst people under 16 are anxiety disorders, attention deficit hyperactive disorder, and substance use disorders, which the association said in a statement "are also three of the most preventable."

"There are just a lack of services for kids," Sue Hammell, the B.C. New Democrat critic for mental health and addictions, told Metro in an interview, "and as a result kids are just being lost.

"The sooner you react, provide a service, and deal with a problem, the more likely you are to reduce the illness."

Also attending the conference Wednesday was North Vancouver MLA Jane Thornthwaite, who is the BC Liberal government's parliamentary secretary for child mental health and bullying and chair of B.C.'s Select Standing Committee for Children and Youth.

> **There's so many (children and youth) who aren't receiving the help that they need when they need it ... The government recognizes we've got to work on that.** Jane Thornthwaite

"I have been tasked with ... advocating for children and youth, and helping make their lives easier by ensuring they have access to the mental health supports that will help them thrive," she said in a speech.

In late 2014, her standing committee traveled across the province speaking to children and youth suffering from mental illness, their families, and mental health professionals; it's report "identified problems" in B.C.'s system and issued 23 recommendations for change.

"We know that 27,000 of those children and youth receive some level of support, but that number indicates there's so many more who aren't receiving the help that they need when they need it," she said. "Because of the stigma, people are not as inclined to seek help when they need it — and even if they do seek it the waiting lists are sometimes too long or not where the family or child is.

"The government recognizes we've got to work on that."

Hammell called on the B.C. government to create a comprehensive plan for mental wellness programs for children, which she characterized as often "siloed" and uncoordinated between different provincial ministries.

The crisis, she added, also requires increased spending on essential services — which she argued would actually save taxpayers in the future if illnesses remain untreated.

"The problem is we have not invested in the services and the structure to respond to the kids that need help when they're young," Hammell said. "And that's tragic and it will cost us more down the road."

Rainy days not going anywhere

WEATHER

Feel like it's been raining everyday? You are nearly right

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Keep those umbrellas handy Vancouverites, because it has rained 53 out of the last 61 days and that trend is here to stay for the next few months, according to one meteorologist.

"In the short to medium term, there is no real respite [from] the wet weather," said Ross MacDonald, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

Vancouver experienced a record breaking number days of rain (28) in October and a near-record breaking number in November (25). The November record of 27 days was set in 1953.

The good news is it should get drier — November is historically the wettest month of the year, with an average of 20 days of rain in Vancouver. But December is not much better with an average of 18 days of rain, he said.

To make matters worst, 220 mm of rain has already fallen in Vancouver during November, 31 mm more than the 30-year average of 189mm.

"We're certainly on the higher side of normal," said MacDonald, who maintained this is standard West Coast weather.

In addition to the rain, Vancouverites can also expect cooler weather starting this weekend, with a chance of mixed rain or even snow on Sunday, he said.

"Typically this time of year we get into a good storm trap. The jet stream points at the West Coast here so it has been one system after another riding the jet stream," said MacDonald.

April is the light at the end of the tunnel, when the average number of rainy days in a month finally falls below 15.

But until then, the seemingly endless days of rain can take its toll on people's mental health, according to Polly Guetta, development coordinator at Mood Disorders Association of British Columbia.

It's the lack of sun that affects people's mood, she explained. "We see a lot of people in the fall start to look for services to help with their mental health."

People who experience seasonal patterns of depression may be diagnosed with seasonal affective disorder (SAD). There is no definite cause for the condition, but residents who live in places that see less sun are more likely to have it, said Guetta.

Anyone who experiences symptoms of depression for more than two weeks should seek a professional opinion, said Guetta.

There have only been five rain-free days in Vancouver this November, according to Environment Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **"In the short to medium term, there is no real respite from the wet weather.**
> Ross MacDonald

The designer behind New York City's High Line, a 23-block linear park in Manhattan, has been chosen to design a new waterfront park in Northeast False Creek. IWAN BAAN

Architect for park extension selected

LANDSCAPE

Construction to begin once viaducts removed

Jeff Hodson
Metro | Vancouver

The landscape architect behind Manhattan's High Line has been selected to design a new park on False Creek, Vancouver's Park Board announced Wednesday.

James Corner Field Operations (JCFO) has been selected to design the 21-acre Creekside Park Extension in Northeast False Creek that would be built after the removal of the viaducts.

The one-year, $875,000 contract will see the acclaimed firm renew and design an extension to the Creekside park on one of the last remaining waterfront areas in Downtown Vancouver.

JCFO was chosen from among 14 landscape architects from around the world. The group's work includes New York City's High Line, a linear park built along a 2.3-kilometre stretch that was once an elevated railway.

"This project will be a legacy to the people of Vancouver for generations to come," said Park Board chairwoman Sarah Kirby-Yung in a statement on Wednesday.

"This will add vital green spaces and gathering spaces to the emerging neighbourhoods of Northeast False Creek, connecting seamlessly with the waterfront and downtown."

James Corner, founder of JCFO was in Vancouver Wednesday to tour the area and present before park board commissioners.

"Our design will weave layers of history, community and ecology into a rich fabric that will be unique to Northeast False Creek," said Corner, whose firm has also been selected to lead Seattle's Central Waterfront project to rebuild that city's waterfront after the removal of the Alaska Way viaduct.

Last October, Vancouver's city council approved an estimated $200-million plan to remove the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts beginning in 2018. City staff are expected to unveil their plan in the spring of 2017.

JCFO is partnering with local landscape architect PWL Partnership on the project. PWL designed Hinge Park in Southeast False Creek.

The proposed overview plan of Northeast False Creek once the viaducts are removed. The plan for their removal will come before council in April 2017. COURTESY VANCOUVER PARK BOARD

Canadian businesses proving more diverse

#WOMENONBOARDS

Women make up 21% of the directors in big companies

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's major corporations have a few more women and a bit more diversity around their boardroom tables — but they are still a long way from reflecting the make-up of the country.

The Canadian Board Diversity Council released its annual survey this week showing that women now make up 21.6 per cent of the directors on the boards of 500 major Canadian companies. That's up slightly from 19.5 per cent last year and up significantly from the 10.9 per cent in 2009, when the survey first began.

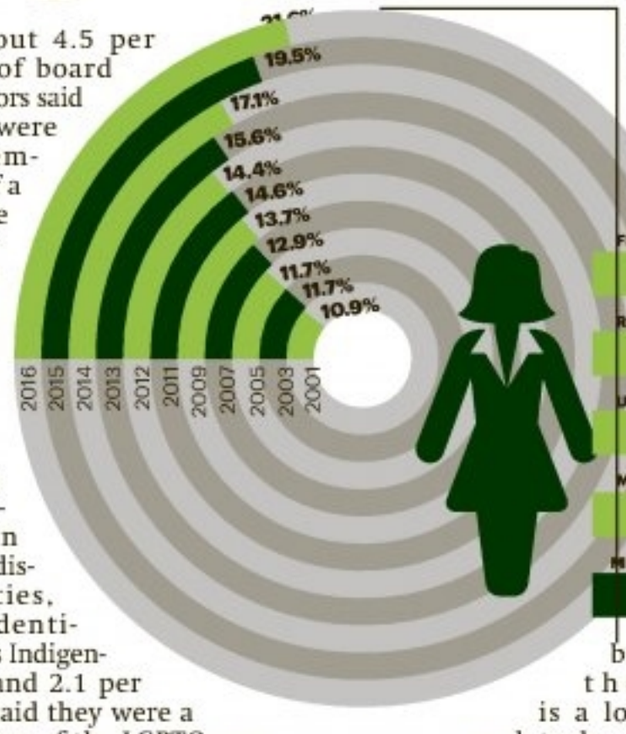
About 4.5 per cent of board directors said they were a member of a visible minority, 1.8 per cent identified as a person with disabilities, 0.6 identified as Indigenous, and 2.1 per cent said they were a member of the LGBTQ community.

Sean Hemraj, vice-president of business development and marketing for the Women's Executive Network, said the numbers are an improvement but there is a lot of work to do.

He said diversity is not just about better representation, but about better business.

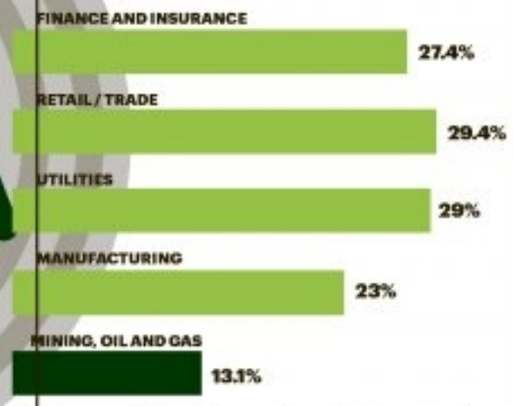
"It offers a different perspective that helps organizations recognize, adapt and innovate based on what is happening in the real world," he said.

Not all Canadian industries are created equally on this front. Retail companies had the most gender diversity on the board, with 29.4 per cent, but mining and oil and gas firms were much lower, at 13.1 per cent.



2016 REPRESENTATION ON CANADIAN BOARDS BY MARKET

The percentage of women on Canadian boards has risen considerably over the last decade, but the mining, oil and gas sector still lags behind.



Winnipeg zine to focus on 'Trump Resistance'

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

A Winnipeg-based art and literary collective is casting a global net for submissions about political turmoil, in light of the shocking American election results.

The proceeds from the next rip/torn zine will "represent Trump resistance" and be donated to Planned Parenthood, said Natasha Havrilenko, co-founder of rip/torn collective.

Havrilenko was in Minneapolis the weekend before the U.S. election and said she was shocked by the anti-Hillary Clinton sentiments she saw.

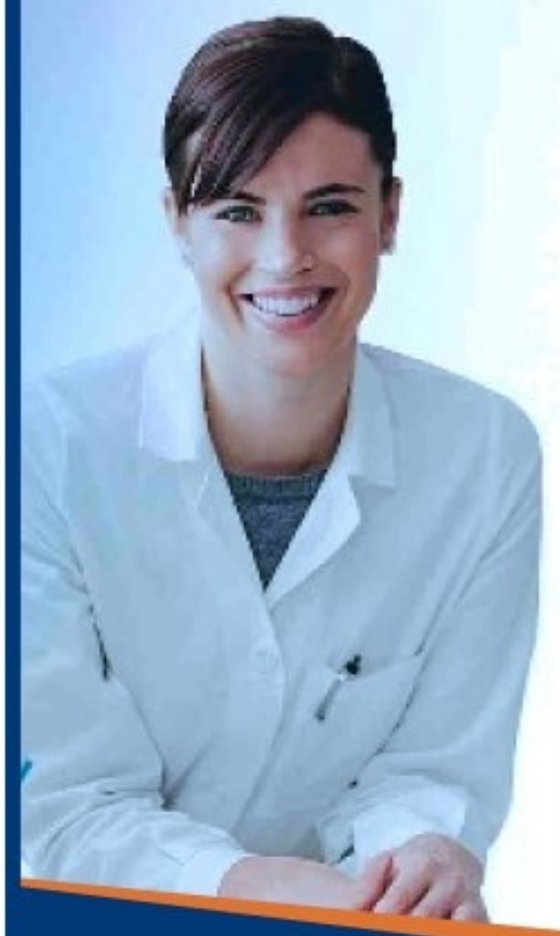
"My jaw dropped when I overheard a mother tell her young son that she would rather blow her own brains out than have a female president. It wasn't even that it was Hillary Clinton she didn't want in, it was the fact it was a female," Havrilenko said in an email. "The shock has materialized to worry and bouts of disgust, especially with how individuals reacted upon hearing Trump won."

Havrilenko teamed up with Gabrielle Funk in 2013 to create magazines, zines and events encouraging emotional vulnerability. So rather than venting their frustrations about the election outcome online, the pair decided to make an apt contribution to the political discourse.

"I know people find it very easy to just respond over social media or text about it. It seems like no one's having any trouble talking about it," said Funk. "For me, the idea (was) creating a platform to constructively talk about it … and not allow it to just become this normalized thing."

The collective puts together an issue of rip/torn. COURTESY JOSEPH VISSER

ASK ABOUT OUR EVENING CLASSES!



CDI am a pharmacy technician

EARN A MEDIAN WAGE OF $21.00/HR*

Start today and you could earn your **Pharmacy Technician** diploma in less than a year!

CDI college
business · technology · healthcare

1.800.360.7186
STUDYPHA.CDICOLLEGE.CA

Financial assistance may be available to qualified applicants. | *jobbank.gc.ca

WE ARE HIRING AT AMAZON

$250 BONUS
SIGN-ON / COMPLETION

EARN UP TO $14.00 PER HR

START BY DEC. 11TH
EARN EXTRA CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

apply.smjobs.com/amazon
JOB CODE: DELTA, 908S • NEW WESTMINSTER, 914A

- Bonus paid for all associates in good standing on January 7th
- $150 bonus for employee referrals
- Start by December 11th and earn cash for the holidays!

Apply online or call for an appointment to apply in person
109 Braid Street • V3L-5H4
New Westminster, BC
604-449-6755

staff management | SMX
a TRUEBLUE company

Aaron Driver, seen leaving the Law Courts in Winnipeg, was picked up by police in Winnipeg in June 2015. He was released under a raft of conditions in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shooting justified, police probe finds

TERRORISM

Probe backs use of lethal force in Aaron Driver's death

A police investigation has found RCMP were justified in fatally shooting a terrorist sympathizer during a confrontation in southwestern Ontario earlier this year. Aaron Driver died in an encounter with RCMP in Strathroy, Ont., in August, after making a martyrdom video that suggested he was planning to detonate a homemade bomb in a Canadian urban centre during morning or afternoon rush hour.

The Ontario Provincial Police Criminal Investigation Branch and the Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service conducted an investigation into the shooting of Driver to determine if the use of force in the incident was legally justified.

Strathroy-Caradoc police said Wednesday that the investigation concluded the use of lethal force was justified.

An independent review of the investigation by Crown prosecutors upheld the probe's conclusion, the force said.

Canadian authorities were tipped off about Driver's activities by the FBI and confronted him hours later.

The FBI tip included a video of a masked Driver railing against western "enemies of Islam" and warning that the only solution would be the "spilling of your blood."

In announcing the result of their investigation Wednesday, Strathroy-Caradoc police recounted details of the encounter with Driver that ended with his death.

The 24-year-old Driver had come out of a residence with a backpack and got into the rear seat of a waiting cab when RCMP officers blocked the vehicle from leaving the area, Strathroy-Caradoc police said.

RCMP directed the taxi driver and Driver to exit the vehicle, the force said, but as an officer approached the cab, Driver detonated an improvised explosive device.

"Mr. Driver exited the vehicle and failed to comply with the police and their directions. Fearing for their safety, and believing that Mr. Driver would detonate a second device the RCMP shot Mr. Driver fatally wounding him," Strathroy-Caradoc police said.

At the time, Driver had been under a court order not to associate with any terrorist organizations or to use a computer or cellphone. But he wasn't under continuous surveillance despite concern he might participate or contribute to the activity of a terrorist group.

He had moved to Strathroy earlier this year to live with his sister.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

ACCIDENT

Son of Cirque founder dies in accident on set

Officials say a technician with the Cirque du Soleil "Luzia" show who died after being hit in the head by an aerial lift Tuesday is the son of one of the founders of the show.

In a statement from Cirque du Soleil, officials confirmed that 42-year-old Olivier Rochette of Quebec died Tuesday night in San Francisco.

According to the statement, his immediate family, including his father Gilles Ste-Croix, one of the founders of Cirque du Soleil, has been informed of the accident. "I am heartbroken. I wish to extend in my name and in the name of all Cirque du Soleil employees my sincerest sympathies," said CEO Daniel Lamarre.

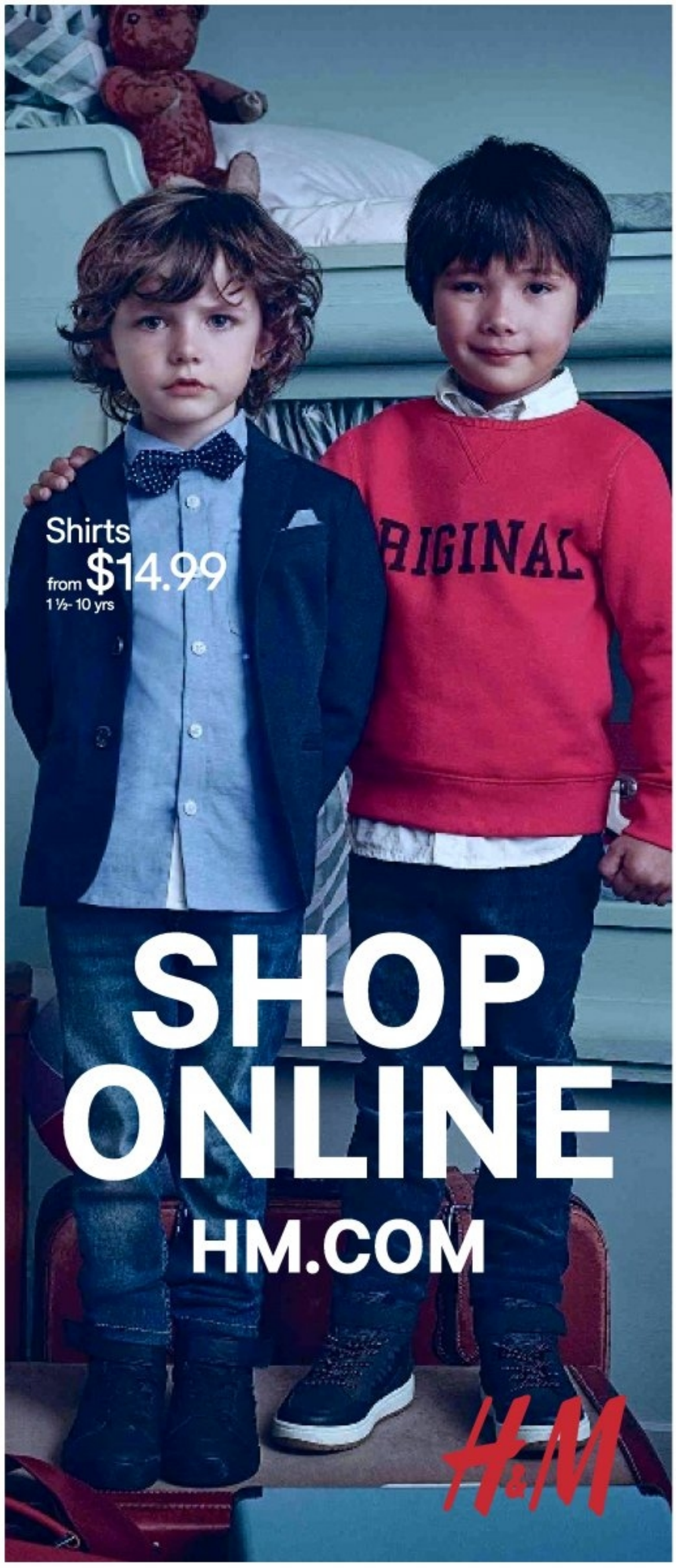
Julia Bernstein of the state's workplace safety regulator, Cal/OSHA, said Wednesday that the employee was struck in the head by an aerial device.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Christmas too early, says Newfoundland town

The municipal council in a small Newfoundland town has declared that Christmas has come too early for many retailers, and they've decided to do something about it. Local politicians in Gander have unanimously adopted a motion asking merchants to refrain from Christmas advertising until after Remembrance Day. THE CANADIAN PRESS



New York thief snatches gold in broad daylight

Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

He walks pretty quickly for someone carrying 86 pounds — perhaps because the content of the bucket is worth $1.6 million.

New York police released surveillance video from Sept. 29, showing a man milling about an armoured truck in Midtown Manhattan before grabbing a bucket off the back of the vehicle and scurrying away.

All the while, two men are sitting in the truck's cab, unaware they just got robbed. Police say they don't believe the man knew the contents of the bucket, but that he probably knew there was a chance it had value.

"I think he just saw an opportunity, took the pail and walked off," NYPD Det. Martin Pastor told WNBC-TV. Police are searching for the suspect, who they believe is now in Florida.

VIDEO ON THE METRO APP

NYPD are searching for a man who stole a bucket full of $1.6 million in gold. NYPD

Plan for the holidays with double the data.

Shop early and double your data on our new future-ready Smartphone 45 LTE plan. Our new traffic-free LTE network is launching in Toronto and Vancouver and will expand to our other markets during 2017.

$45 $40 PER MONTH
FOR 12 MONTHS.
OFFER ENDS SOON.

- 3GB of data + 3GB bonus*
- Unlimited Canada/U.S. talk
- Unlimited global text
- Low international calling starting at 1¢/minute

Freedom mobile

For details, visit freedommobile.ca

LG V20

Learn more at freedommobile.ca. Smartphone 45 LTE plan and $60 service credit offer are available for a limited time and are subject to change or cancellation without notice. *Bonus 3GB of data per month will only be applied to the plan until January 31, 2018. To be eligible for the $60 service credit, you must activate a new Pay Before or Pay After line on a plan with a monthly charge of $45 or $55. A $5 monthly credit will be applied to your account for up to 12 months to a maximum of $60. The credits will start to be applied to your account as a top-up before tax on your 2nd top-up date (for Pay Before customers) or as a bill adjustment before tax on your 2nd bill (for Pay After customers). May not be combined with any other in-market offer, with some exceptions. Additional terms and conditions apply. LG V20 is a registered trademark of LG Electronics Inc. Screen image simulated. The Freedom Mobile name and logos and other words, titles, phrases, marks, logos, icons, graphics are trademarks of, or are used under license by, Freedom Mobile Inc.

Children hold a photograph of former Cuban President Fidel Castro as they wait for the caravan transporting his remains to pass on its journey to Santiago de Cuba. GETTY IMAGES

Cubans say bye to Fidel

MOURNING

Late leader makes his final journey through nation

To waving flags and some shouts of "Long may he live!" Fidel Castro's ashes began a four-day journey across the island Wednesday, retracing the path of his triumphant march into Havana nearly six decades ago.

A small, Cuban-flag covered cedar coffin containing the remains of the 90-year-old leader was taken out of Cuba's Defence Ministry just after 7 a.m. and placed into a flower-bedecked trailer pulled by a green military jeep for the more than 500-mile (800-kilometre) procession to his final resting place in the eastern city of Santiago. The ashes will be interred Sunday, ending the nine-day mourning period for the man who ruled the country for nearly 50 years.

The route traces in reverse the victory tour Castro and his bearded rebels took after overthrowing the forces of strongman Fulgencio Batista in 1959.

Outside Havana, the caravan will pass through rural communities significantly changed by social and economic reforms he adopted. Many residents now have access to health care and education. But many of those towns are also in a prolonged economic collapse, the country's once-dominant sugar industry decimated, the sugar mills and plantations gone.

Thousands of Cubans lined the streets of Havana, some sleeping on sidewalks overnight, to bid goodbye to Castro. Many had attended a massive rally Tuesday night at Havana's Revolution Plaza, where the presidents of Cuba, Mexico, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela and South Africa, along with leaders of a host of smaller nations, offered speeches paying tribute to Castro, who died Friday night.

The crowds at the rally and along Wednesday's procession route were a mix of people attending on their own and groups of Cubans organized by government workplaces, where attendance was not strictly obligatory but with strong pressure to attend. Some groups of government workers slept on the streets because all public transport had been commandeered to move people to Castro-related activities.

Along the city's historic Malecon, the funeral procession passed to near-total silence among the crowd. Peering from the sidewalk, rooftops and balconies overlooking the sea, people took cellphone video and photos as keepsakes.

Tuesday's rally began with black-and-white revolution-era footage of Castro and other guerrillas on a big screen and the playing of the Cuban national anthem. Castro's younger brother and successor, Raul, closed the rally with a speech thanking world leaders for their words of praise for his brother, whom he called the leader of a revolution "for the humble, and by the humble." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOURISM VANCOUVER'S
DINE OUT VANCOUVER FESTIVAL
January 20 – February 5, 2017
Event Tickets Now on Sale!
dineoutvancouver.com

Donald Trump going out of business

POLITICS

President-elect walks away from empire to focus on presidency

President-elect Donald Trump declared Wednesday he will leave his business empire behind to focus on his presidency. But the prospect that he could simply shift more control to three of his adult children looked too cozy to some business-ethics specialists who suggest the arrangement could bring unprecedented conflicts of interest into the Oval Office.

Trump announced in a series of early morning tweets that he would leave his "great business," adding: "While I am not mandated to do this under the law, I feel it is visually important, as president, to in no way have a conflict of interest with my various businesses."

Trump provided no details, though he said legal documents were being prepared. He previously had said he'd leave his business operations to his three eldest children - Donald Jr., Eric and Ivanka.

> **I feel it is visually important, as president.**
> Donald Trump

Asked if the tweets indicated plans to move the businesses to the children, Trump senior adviser Kellyanne Conway said Wednesday, "it appears that way."

"The three adult children who do already work in the corporation are expected to continue in those roles and in fact increase their responsibilities in those roles," Conway said.

Ethics experts have pushed for Trump to fully exit the ownership of his businesses using a blind trust or equivalent arrangement.

The laws are generally loose for presidents regarding their businesses except when it comes to ties to or gifts from foreign governments.

Trump spent much of Wednesday conducting meetings in his Manhattan high-rise. His pick for secretary of state remains up in the air, though aides say he has narrowed his choices to four.

One contender, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney dined with him.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CELEBRATING THE OBAMAS' LAST CHRISTMAS This year's White House Gingerbread House in the State Dining Room of the White House during a preview of the holiday decor at the White House. The gingerbread house features 150 pounds of gingerbread on the inside, 100 pounds of bread dough on the outside, 20 pounds of gum paste, 20 pounds of icing, and 20 pounds of sculpted sugar pieces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Carlsen remains the chairman of the board

Magnus Carlsen of Norway defeated Sergey Karjakin of Russia in the World Chess Championship in New York City on Wednesday. Carlsen retained his title Wednesday night by winning the best-of-four speed games.

Organizers say 6 million people followed the series. The championship prize is $1.1 million divided between the players.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE MORE HOURS
THE MERRIER
We're extending our hours this holiday season.
We're open 10am - 8pm on Sunday,
December 4, 11 and 18, so you can find the
perfect gifts and still have time to spare.
metropolisatmetrotown.com
METROPOLIS at metrotown
AN IVANHOÉ CAMBRIDGE EXPERIENCE
Ivanhoé Cambridge

TOURISM VANCOUVER'S
DINE OUT VANCOUVER FESTIVAL
DINEOUTVANCOUVER.COM

Mix ingredients. Season to taste.
Serve over 17 days.

JANUARY 20 to
FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Chapecoense players who did not travel with their team on a flight to Colombia that crashed mourn during a tribute to the crash victims at the club's stadium. ANDRE PENNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Doomed soccer jet ran out of fuel

BRAZIL

Captain heard panicking on flight recording

The pilot of the chartered plane carrying a Brazilian soccer team told air traffic controllers he had run out of fuel and desperately pleaded for permission to land before crashing into the Andes, according to a leaked recording of the final minutes of the doomed flight.

In the sometimes chaotic exchange with the air traffic tower, the pilot of the British-built jet requests permission to land because of "fuel problems" without making a formal distress call. A female controller explained another plane that had been diverted with mechanical problems was already approaching the runway and had priority, instructing the pilot to wait seven minutes.

As the jetliner circled in a holding pattern, the pilot grew more desperate. "Complete electrical failure, without fuel," he said in the tense final moments before the plane set off on a four-minute death spiral that ended with it slamming into a mountainside Monday night.

By then the controller had gauged the seriousness of the situation and told the other plane to abandon its approach to make way for the charter jet. It was too late. Just before going silent, the pilot said he was flying at an altitude of 9,000 feet and made a final plea to land: "Vectors, senorita. Landing vectors."

The recording, obtained Wednesday by Colombian media, appeared to confirm the accounts of a surviving flight attendant and a pilot flying nearby who overheard the frantic exchange. These, along with the lack of an explosion upon impact, point to a rare case of fuel running out as a cause of the crash of the jetliner, which experts said was flying at its maximum range.

For now, authorities are avoiding singling out any one cause of the crash, which killed all but six of the 77 people on board, including members of Brazil's Chapecoense soccer team travelling to Medellin for the Copa Sudamericana finals — the culmination of a fairy tale season that had electrified soccer-crazed Brazil.

> **If this is confirmed, it would be very painful because it stems from negligence.**
> Alfredo Bocanegra, head of Colombia's aviation agency

As the probe continued, mourning soccer fans in Medellin and the southern Brazilian town of Chapeco, where the team is from, held simultaneous stadium tributes to the victims. The six survivors were recovering in hospitals, with three in critical but stable condition, while forensic specialists worked to identify the victims so they could be transferred to a waiting cargo plane sent by the Brazilian air force to repatriate the bodies.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS

Laws of war broken in Syria

Parties to the Syrian conflict have systematically disregarded the laws of war, showing time and again that they are willing to do anything to gain military advantage, the UN humanitarian chief said Wednesday.

Speaking via video-link from London, Stephen O'Brien told an emergency meeting of the Security Council that was nowhere more apparent than in the besieged city of eastern Aleppo with nearly a quarter of million people trapped inside.

"There are no limits or red lines left to cross. The rules of war — sacrosanct notions borne out of generations of costly and painful lessons and set more than 150 year ago in the First Geneva Convention — have been systematically disregarded in Syria," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said some 25,000 people, most of them women and children, have been displaced from their homes since Saturday and that it is likely thousands more will flee in the coming days as Syrian forces step up their attack.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

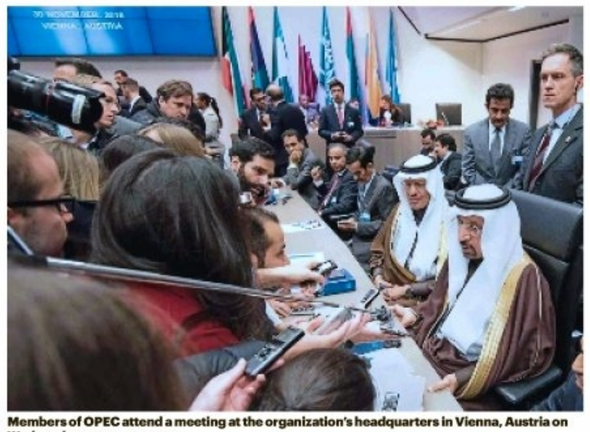
BOOK EVENT TICKETS AND HOTEL SPECIALS NOW!

PRESENTED BY
TOURISM VANCOUVER

FESTIVAL PARTNERS
WINES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
yp dine

dineoutvancouver.com

PREFERRED PARTNERS
AIR CANADA
THE WESTIN BAYSHORE VANCOUVER
metro
where
Vancouver Magazine
westcoastliving magazine
straight
OpenTable



Members of OPEC attend a meeting at the organization's headquarters in Vienna, Austria on Wednesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Cartel agrees to cut crude output

OIL

Decision is a departure from years of infighting

Breaking with years of inaction, OPEC agreed Wednesday to cut its oil output for the first time since 2008. The move effectively scraps its strategy of squeezing U.S. competition through high supply that had backfired by lowering prices and draining the cartel's own economies.

The reduction of 1.2 million barrels a day is significant, leaving OPEC's daily output at 32.5 million barrels. And OPEC President Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada said non-OPEC nations are expected to pare an additional 600,000 barrels a day off their production.

The combined cut will result, at least in the short term, in somewhat more pricey oil - and, by extension, car fuel, heating and electricity. The international benchmark for crude jumped 8.3 per cent, or $3.86, to $50.24 on Wednesday.

In the longer term, however, analysts say it's highly unlikely that oil will return to the highs of around $100 a barrel last seen two years ago. That's partly due to the fact that President-elect Donald Trump has promised to free up more oil drilling in the U.S., which would increase global supply. Demand is also not recovering as the world economy sags.

Al-Sada said the OPEC cutback is to take effect Jan. 1, with consultations planned on the exact timing of the non-OPEC reductions. Russia alone is committed to taking 300,000 barrels a day off the market.

With the production cut, OPEC will not only benefit from gaining more dollars per barrel. It can also lay claim once again to playing a part in influencing world prices.

And its tentative alliance with Russia and other non-OPEC nations may give it - and them - additional clout in future competition for market share with U.S. producers, which are sure to return in increasing numbers if crude prices move upward.

Wednesday's decision was a departure from years of infighting among members refusing to give up their market share and a resulting series of inconclusive meetings.

> **Today's unity is a very explicit sign about the position of OPEC.**
> OPEC President Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada

Part of the focus following Wednesday's decision is how well it holds. OPEC gave up assigning quotas in part because members have ignored them in their quest for petrodollars.

In comments addressed to nay-sayers about his organization's relevance, Al-Sada said its decision "means the weight of OPEC and the resiliency of OPEC is still there.... Today's unity is a very explicit sign about the position of OPEC," he added.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADIAN RAILWAYS

CP Rail, CN Rail positive about a Trump presidency

Canada's two largest railways told a transportation conference they're not worried about a Donald Trump presidency. CP Rail president Keith Creel said Trump's attention in threatening changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement is targeted mainly at Mexico. And Trump's $1-trillion US infrastructure program would increase demand for Canadian raw materials. Ghislain Houle, chief financial officer of CN Rail, was similarly positive but was concerned quotas on softwood lumber exports would hurt the railway.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

metro VIEWS

Your essential daily news

Thursday, December 1, 2016

CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE APPROVED PIPELINES

Trudeau's announcement is unlikely to win him supporters within the ranks of those who most support the pipeline agenda. They tend to be spoken for by the Conservative party.

It is a rare government decision that involves a lot of predictable political pain for little obvious electoral gain. For better or for worse, the approval by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of the controversial Trans Mountain pipeline falls in that category.

It is unlikely to win him supporters within the ranks of those who most support the pipeline agenda. They tend to be spoken for by the Conservative party and, for the most part, have no appetite for Trudeau's proactive climate change agenda.

On the other hand, at least some of the seats of the 17 Liberal MPs elected in B.C. in the last election could be on the line. The approval of this pipeline plan will not sit well with many of the constituents. Even if he wanted to, Trudeau could not get all his caucus members to sing the same song on this issue. A handful of them have already broken ranks with his decision.

The Liberals are not the only ones potentially at risk on what is probably Canada's most contentious front these days.

Take British Columbia Premier Christy Clark. She will be campaigning for re-election in the spring. If she supports Trudeau's move, it will be her provincial Liberals who will first test the post-announcement waters.

There is no way Trudeau could have killed two pipelines to the Pacific coast and then backed the no less controversial Energy East project.

She could be in for a choppy crossing.

There is a widespread expectation on Parliament Hill that Clark will at some point publicly sign off on the Trans Mountain project.

PIPELINE PALS Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Alberta Premier Rachel Notley speak on Parliament Hill, Tuesday.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The federal government has been playing nice with its B.C. counterpart, delivering a much wanted green light for a major liquefied gas development and promising billions of federal dollars to improve marine safety.

But Clark would not be the political survivor that she is if she did not have a well-honed instinct for self-preservation. B.C. elections are won or lost in the greater Vancouver area, the site of the pipeline whose capacity to carry bitumen oil to the coast Kinder Morgan plans to expand.

On Wednesday, she said Trudeau was close to meeting all of her conditions for supporting the pipeline. She invited the prime minister to come to B.C. to sell the decision. By all indications, she wants to see how it all plays out before taking a definitive stance.

Then there is the NDP. While Alberta Premier Rachel Notley was celebrating a big win alongside Trudeau on Tuesday, Thomas Mulcair was calling the federal decision a betrayal of the trust many B.C. voters placed in the prime minister. The provincial New Democrats are also critical of the federal decision.

The cracks between the ruling NDP in Edmonton and their opposition cousins in Parliament and in Victoria are becoming too wide to be papered over. Whoever succeeds Mulcair will be hard-pressed to square the pipeline circle.

In any event, as of now Trudeau and Notley are joined at the hip. On Tuesday, the prime minister argued it was the premier's determination to rein in Alberta's carbon emissions that made his approval of a pipeline consistent with Canada's climate change commitments.

But if she fails to win re-election the quid pro quo is unlikely to survive her NDP government, leaving Trudeau with little to show on climate change for having delivered a pipeline from tidewater to Alberta.

Had the prime minister vetoed the Kinder Morgan project, he might as well have declared a moratorium on any plan to bring more of Alberta's bitumen oil to the Canadian coasts.

There is no way Trudeau could have killed two pipelines to the Pacific coast (Northern Gateway and Trans Mountain) and then backed the no less controversial Energy East project. (Punting the decision on the Vancouver area pipeline would most likely only have hardened opposition to the plan.)

That being said, it might be prudent for TransCanada — the company behind the plan to link the oilfields to the Atlantic Coast through the Prairies and Central Canada — to not take this week's federal yes to Kinder Morgan as a sign that its pipeline will be good to go any time soon, if at all.

A betting person might reasonably wager that Trudeau will not want to open another front in the pipeline wars between now and the 2019 election. And that probably makes Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, who could be facing an uphill re-election battle in less than two years, a collateral winner of this week's developments.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Gilmores' girl-on-girl banter sounds suspiciously like life

When Gilmore Girls premiered 16 years ago, it was unique — a female-centric show that stayed focused on women — but the data shows that with its return to Netflix, it is still an anomaly.

Gilmore Girls can do no wrong. In my heart, it already has five stars (I rate on a four star system.) It would be like Netflix putting out a show called Your Mom, featuring only video clips of my mother. Even when she's not perfect, she's perfect to me.

So instead of quality or plot, I'm watching for validation.

This isn't to set the bar low for the revival. With a cast including Melissa McCarthy, Kelly Bishop, and Edward Herrmann there were many Emmy-worth episodes in the original run. Exhibit A: In a Season 1 episode, Rory (Alexis Bledel) returns home in the early morning after a date. On finding out, Lauren Graham's Lorelai veers from panicking to castigating her mother to fighting with her daughter. Within a five-minute span, she hits every single note perfectly.

Notably, that scene like countless others in the Gilmore Girls' canon, is focused on women's relationships with each other. This was a show entirely about women's lives apart from men. (Occasionally, the plot centres on a man but, despite our best efforts, that happens in women's lives too.)

In writing women's lives, film and television consistently fail. Take the Disney princess films. You'd think that women clearly dominate the dialogue in movies about them. Turns out that even in fictional cartoon worlds, men routinely talk over women.

Researchers found that in the original three princess films — Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella — female characters speak as much or more than male characters but that in the films of the 1990s, male voices dominate the dialogue: they speak 76 per cent of the time in Pocahontas, 68 per cent in The Little Mermaid, and 71 per cent in Beauty and the Beast. In the newer films like Tangled, Brave and Frozen, males still get the majority of talk time.

An exhaustive study from Polygraph confirmed the trend. Looking at screenplays for 2000 films, the team found that men over-indexed in speaking roles across every genre of film and age of actor. Even romantic comedy had men speaking 58 per cent of the lines. Polygraph also found that women actors over 42 experienced a sudden drop in assigned dialogue and that by age 65, they were virtually mute. Conversely, as men aged, they were given more speaking roles.

From a bird's-eye view, then, it's easy to see why the revival has caught the attention of so many women. We're starving to hear women's voices, even if they're the same ones we've heard before.

So not only is it great to hear the Gilmore women talk again but in the dim landscape of television and film, it's nice to hear any women talk at all.

metro
Your essential daily news

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PRINT
Sandy MacLeod

VICE PRESIDENT & EDITOR
Cathrin Bradbury

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, REGIONAL SALES
Steve Shrout

MANAGING EDITOR VANCOUVER
Jeff Hodson

ADVERTISER INQUIRIES
adinfovancouver@metronews.ca
General phone 604-602-1002

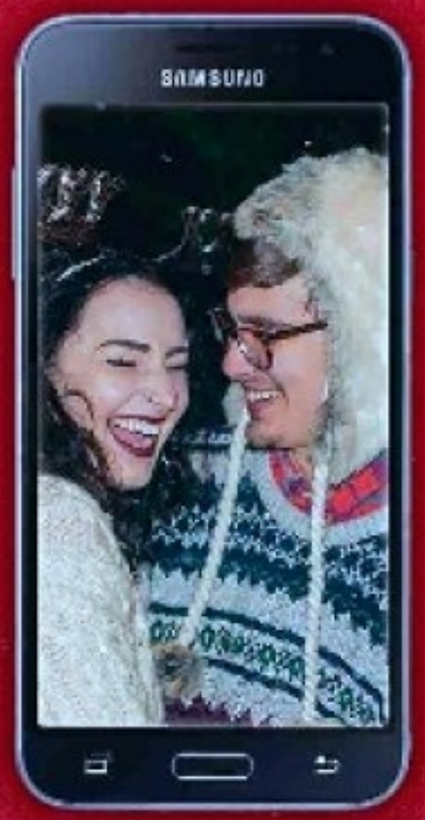
FREE TO SHARE

PHILOSOPHER CAT
by Jason Logan

Philosopher cat now at
www.mymetrostore.ca

$0 PHONES ARE COMING TO TOWN.

SAMSUNG
Galaxy S5 neo



SAMSUNG
Galaxy J3

HOOK UP AND YOU'RE AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER.

MEMBERS GET DEALS AT

H&M STARBUCKS FLIGHT CENTRE + MORE

virginmobile.ca

Virgin mobile
IT'S BETTER TO BE A MEMBER

WITH SELECT 2-YEAR AGREEMENTS. $4.99 SIM CARD NOT INCLUDED.

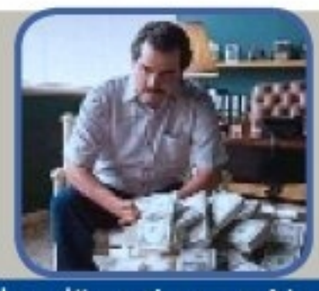
Order online at virginmobile.ca, call 1.855.BE.VM.VIP or stop by to say hi.

Virgin mobile · THE SOURCE · WIRELESSWAVE · Tbooth wireless · wirelessetc

Current as of November 29, 2016. Available with select plans on a 2-year agreement. One-time connection charge ($15) applies to new activations or hardware upgrades. Services available with compatible devices. Monthly 9-1-1 fees apply in: AB (44¢), NL (75¢), NB (53¢), NS (43¢), PEI (70¢), SK (62¢) and QC (46¢). Taxes extra. Other conditions apply. Offers and Member Benefits subject to change/cancellation at any time without notice. See your Agreement for details. Other restrictions apply; see virginmobile.ca for details. Screen image simulated. Samsung images; © 2016 Samsung Electronics Canada, Inc. All rights reserved. Samsung and Samsung Galaxy J3 and Samsung Galaxy S5 Neo are trademarks of Samsung Electronics Canada, Inc., and/or its related entities, used with permission. All rights reserved. The VIRGIN trademark and family of associated marks are owned by Virgin Enterprises Limited and used under license. All other trademarks are trademarks of Virgin Mobile Canada or trademarks and property of the respective owners. © 2016 Virgin Mobile.

metro LIFE

Your essential daily news



There is now a "download" option on Netflix

A guide to spotting fake news

SOCIAL MEDIA

Librarians give tools to catch manipulative stories online

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is Fidel Castro's long-lost illegitimate son.

It's the latest example of a totally made-up, 100 per cent false news story, one that was circulating on Facebook after the Cuban leader's recent death.

To help weed out such bogus news, which proliferated during the U.S. election and generated big ad dollars for creators, librarians at the University of Toronto have developed a handy cheat sheet.

Student engagement librarian Heather Buchansky said it's about giving readers the tools to spot fake stories and the guide is a "reminder to be more critical" as more and more people turn to sites like Facebook for information.

"It's quite easy to fall prey when you look at a website and you're thinking ok, well if it's online it must be true," she said.

Gavin Adamson, a journalism professor at Ryerson University, urges people to click around a bit before sharing articles on social media. When news sources don't have a lot of other content it's a clue that stories may be fake.

"These websites don't stand up to a lot of due diligence. If you just take a moment after recognizing you're probably being manipulated it's very easy to tear these things down," he said.

For Jeffrey Dvorkin, lecturer and director of the journalism program at the University of Toronto Scarborough, fake news is not a new problem, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't be taken seriously.

"The problem with the digital culture is that it is really the Wild West of information," he said.

"We shouldn't freak out and figure the sky is falling, although the clouds are a bit lower than they use to be."

Given the "tsunami" of content available online, people are driven towards sources where they feel more comfortable that often just confirm their own biases, he said.

Both Google and Facebook have been under fire for allowing fake news, and recently announced they will take measures to curb sham stories.

Closer to home, Buchansky said they've had a good response to the guide, posted Friday, and shared by librarians on social media.

"It hasn't spread as far as fake news itself," she said.

"But it's been positive."

University of Toronto librarians Eveline Houtman and Heather Buchansky have developed a guide to help students spot fake news. GEOFFREY VENDEVILLE/ COURTESY OF UOFT NEWS

A tweet by @TrumpaholicMAGA claimed "they sure look alike," and the user shared this image of Trudeau and Castro. Fake news stories easily gain momentum online. ILLUSTRATION BY METRO; PHOTO VIA @TRUMPAHOLICMAGA

CHEAT SHEET

Top ways to spot lies on the internet

With so much content out there it can be easy to be duped.
Here's a handy cheat-sheet on how to spot fake news and avoid accidentally spamming your friends:

1 Domain name is key
Look at the domain name. When sites end in unusual ways, such as ".com.co," it's a clue they may be fake.

2 Check your sources
Check out the source a little more carefully. If you've never heard of a website look at the "About Us" section for more info, or explore it more to see how much other content there is.

3 Google it
Google the headline to see how other news sources are reporting the story. Are there any other accounts? How have other outlets reported it?

4 THIS IS A CLEAR SIGN IT'S FAKE
The use of ALL CAPS, and very poor web design are clues you're not looking at a reliable source.

5 It's trying to get you riled up
Does the article make you incredibly angry or outraged? Good journalism can also evoke emotion but if something is trying to make you mad on purpose to share the story and get ad revenue, it's a red flag

6 Fact-checking units
When in doubt there are a few handy websites that can help verify stories and sources, such as: FactCheck.org, PolitiFact, and Snopes.

SCREENSHOT/UOFTNEWS

Canada's mortgage rules have changed.

Find out how much you can afford.

Speak to an RBC® mortgage specialist today.

Our mobile mortgage specialists help make home buying easier.

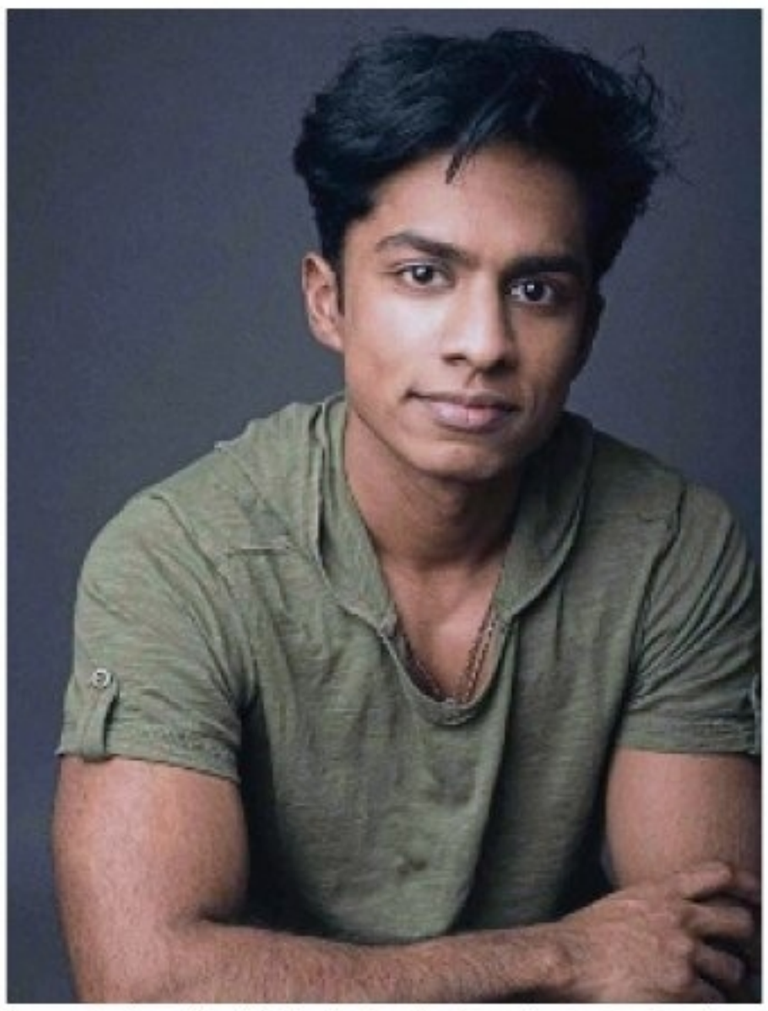
- **Expert Advice** – to help you understand the new rules and how they impact you.
- **Firm, Fast Approval** – get a competitive rate and know exactly how much you can afford so you can shop with confidence.
- **Flexibility and Convenience** – meet you anytime, anywhere including evenings and weekends.

Find an RBC® mortgage specialist at rbc.com/mortgages

RBC®

®/™ Trademark(s) of Royal Bank of Canada. RBC and Royal Bank are registered trademarks of Royal Bank of Canada. Personal lending products and residential mortgages are offered by Royal Bank of Canada and are subject to its standard lending criteria.

An old soul with an eye on the future



Surendra describes his book, The Elephants in My Backyard, as "the Eat, Pray, Love for the millennial generation." CONTRIBUTED

MEMOIR

Rajiv Surendra on heartbreak, big dreams and trying to swim

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When Rajiv Surendra was only 12 years old — well before he was cast as the rapping mathlete Kevin Gnapoor in Tina Fey's cult comedy Mean Girls starring Lindsay Lohan — he took up calligraphy while working as a costumed interpreter at Toronto's Black Creek Pioneer Village.

It's an unusual hobby for a young boy, but Surendra has always been something of an old soul.

"I think there's something so important about looking at the past to understand the future," Surendra says. "I feel such a connection with a slower, quieter time."

The key to creating his smooth pen or chalk strokes, Surendra explains, is that it takes not just a steady hand, but use of his full arm, right from his shoulder.

It took years to perfect the craft, which he has now turned into a career; his patience and persistence holding up Malcolm Gladwell's theory that you need 10,000 hours of practice to master a skill.

Surendra's obsessive nature and unwillingness to settle also led him on the biggest journey of his life, trying to snag the lead role in the film adaptation of Yann Martel's novel The Life of Pi. His failed quest is at the heart of his memoir, The Elephants in My Backyard, which he refers to as "the Eat, Pray, Love for the millennial generation."

It was a camera operator on the Mean Girls set who suggested Surendra read Life of Pi, saying, "It's a book about you."

Surendra tore through the novel and discovered eerie similarities with Martel's protagonist. Although he had obviously never survived on an ocean raft with a menagerie of wild beasts like Pi, both were young, thin Tamil men who grew up with animals, and studied at the University of Toronto's St. Michael's College. And so when news broke that a film in the works, Surendra

wanted the lead more than anything in his life. He was Pi.

Surendra travelled to India for several months to immerse in the culture. He dove off a cliff and stared a tiger in the eye, but that was not half as frightening as getting in the water. "On the horrible, horrible days when I was so scared in the water and I was hyperventilating and my muscles were seizing, I would tell myself that even if you don't get this part, all the work and struggling will be worth it because you will know how to swim," he says.

Meanwhile, the film was also struggling, with revolving directors attached to the project. When director Ang Lee eventually cast unknown Indian actor Suraj Sharma in the part, Surendra was devastated, and took off for Munich for a year to mourn. "After six years of research and dreaming, Pi was a real person to me — it was like he died," he says.

Eventually Surendra came back to Toronto, and picked up his calligraphy pen again.

"The reason why I was motivated to write this story down is because I learned so much," he says.

"Hey, if I could embark on something like this, and fail and pick myself up and keep going, then the next big dream or journey won't be difficult."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

OUR LOW PRICES ON SELECT OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DÉCOR ARE NOW EVEN LOWER

THE HOME DEPOT

More saving.
More doing.

NEW LOWER PRICE

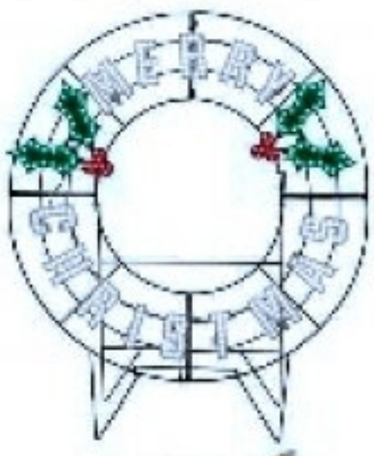
NOW $22.44 WAS $44.88

3'6" Star Wars BB-8™ Droid Airblown® Inflatable (1001005859)

NEW LOWER PRICE

NOW $89.50

8' Animated Projection Lighted Airblown® Disco Santa (1001006738)
WAS $179



NEW LOWER PRICE

NOW $74.50 WAS $149

Merry Christmas LED Sign (1001007453)

NEW LOWER PRICE

NOW $59.91 WAS $79.88

2'9" Acrylic Doe
• 120 LED lights
(1001008844)

FW-44: METRO TORONTO, OTTAWA, VANCOUVER, CALGARY, EDMONTON

BOOK BRIEFS

Suspense novel up next for Girl on the Train author

The British author of The Girl on the Train will next tell a tale of murder in a riverside town.

Riverhead Books told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Paula Hawkins' Into the Water is a suspense novel about family secrets and "the slipperiness of truth" that will be published May 2. The plot centres on the discovery of the bodies of a mother and teenage girl at the bottom of a river and the investigation that follows. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It's about how your memories of childhood shape you and make you the person you are. Paula Hawkins

CALENDAR

A-Listers' natural beauty celebrated

Pirelli on Tuesday unveiled the 2017 edition of its famed calendar, which sees photographer Peter Lindbergh mature beyond snaps of seminude models and set his lens on Hollywood.

The calendar, entitled "Emotional" and launched in Paris, stars 14 Oscar-winning actresses featured in black-and-white close up, in clothed poses with invisible makeup.

It's a dramatic move away from decades of risqué shots that made the calendar, produced by the Italian tire manufacturer, one of the most recognizable in the world.

A-listers including Charlotte Rampling, Uma Thurman, Helen Mirren, Nicole Kidman, Lea Seydoux, Alicia Vikander, Kate Winslet, Julianne Moore, Lupita Nyong'o, Rooney Mara, Zhang Ziyi and Jessica Chastain all agreed to go near-makeup-free for the grown-up shoots.

Speaking about his artistic choices, the German photographer said that he's "not so fond of high heels and bikinis" and wanted to capture the nakedness in the soul of the calendar's stars, not their bodies.

"In a time when women are represented in the media (as) perfection and truth, I thought it was important to remind people that there is a different beauty," Lindbergh said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nicole Kidman, left, and Uma Thurman. AP PHOTO/FRANCOIS MORI

EQUITY WOMEN 'MUST CONTINUE TO DREAM BIG' Serena Williams has penned an open letter calling out what she sees as double standards faced by women in sports. The 22-time Grand Slam champion says people call her one of the "world's greatest female athletes," but notes that male athletes such as LeBron James and Tiger Woods aren't described by their gender. Williams says the equal pay issue frustrates her because women "have done the same work and made the same sacrifices as our male counterparts." She says women "must continue to dream big" to "empower the next generation of women to be just as bold in their pursuits." The letter was published in Porter Magazine and republished by British newspaper The Guardian. LUCA BRUNO/AP FILE

THE HOME DEPOT
More saving. More doing.

NEW LOWER PRICE
NOW $94.50 WAS $189
Santa Riding Elephant Inflatable (1001005857)

NEW LOWER PRICE
NOW $59.93 WAS $99.88
4' Tinsel Moose
• 150 LED lights
(1001008845)

NOW $69.50
6' Minions Decorating Tree Lighted Airblown® Inflatable
(1001005854) WAS $139

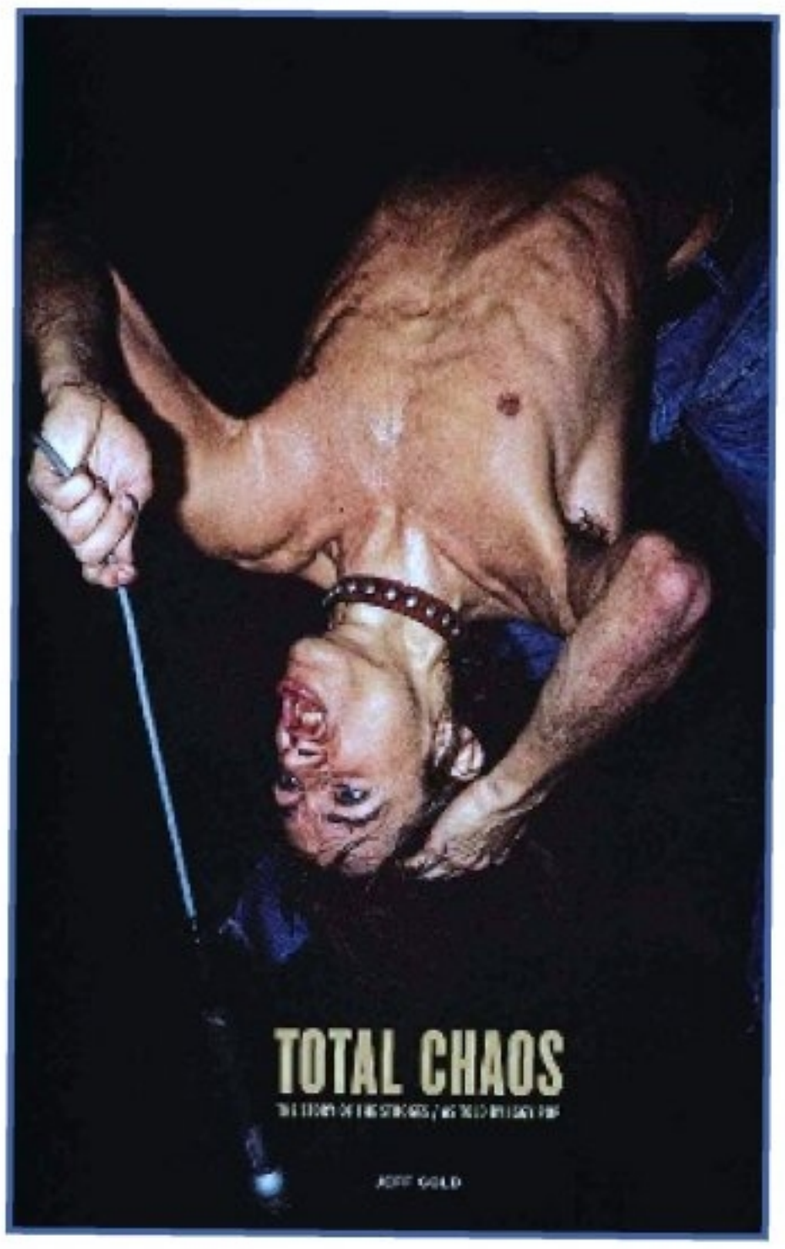
NEW LOWER PRICE

NEW LOWER PRICE
NOW $119 WAS $199
8' LED Bare Branch Tree Multi (1001007452)

For more Christmas products, visit homedepot.ca/Christmas

Prices valid until Wednesday, December 7, 2016, unless otherwise indicated. **Offer valid at The Home Depot Canada.** Not valid in combination with any other offer. Some exceptions may apply. Selection varies by store and quantities are limited. Offer valid to Canadian residents only. No substitutions or rain checks. See store associate or Special Services Desk for details or visit homedepot.ca. **We reserve the right** to limit quantities to the amount reasonable for homeowners and our regular contractor customers.
©2016, Home Depot International, Inc. All rights reserved. ®Registered trademark of Home Depot International, Inc. Used under license.

©2016, Home Depot International, Inc. • 12/16 • FW-44



Recounting the chaotic history of The Stooges

BIOGRAPHY

Frontman Iggy Pop astounds writer with rich memory

Gilles LeBlanc
For Metro Canada

What began innocently as Iggy Pop reminiscing over items from his past with memorabilia collector Jeff Gold turned into the definitive oral history about one of the most influential rock bands ever.

Total Chaos: The Story of The Stooges/As Told by Iggy Pop, out this week via Third Man Books revisits in explicit, expletive detail how these Michigan misfits were unappreciated, commercial failures during their initial run from 1967-1974. Their legend as punk pioneers, however, grew exponentially in the three decades that followed.

The Stooges reunited in 2003 at the Coachella Music Festival, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and continued to experience an unexpected renaissance that has dovetailed into Iggy Pop enjoying his most successful year to date.

"We were completely unprepared for how much (Iggy) remembered," Gold said prior to a book launch event with Pop in New York City. The habitually shirtless vocalist has had a long-standing reputation for drug use. "I was astounded at the breadth of his recall," which put the collector-turned-author at times in a "bizarre situation of having to cut him off periodically. You knew this wasn't a guy making it up, that he actually did remember all of this."

Gold modestly sees himself not so much as a writer, but more of a wrangler. "I had this incredible interview, I had these incredible pictures. (Total Chaos) went from being interesting to being important history. I felt like I had an obligation to history to get this right." Well yeehaw to that!

As for Third Man Books, the imprint offshoot of Motor City-raised rocker Jack White, Gold said he already had a publisher for what would eventually come to be Total Chaos, but "was just absolutely blown away at how (Third Man) have reinvented the record business" with everything they've got going on in Nashville and now Detroit's Cass Corridor. "It was just so natural" for them to be home to his Stooges book. Limited Editions from Third Man will not only have Iggy's John Hancock, but also a 7" vinyl record of him singing over I'm a Man, a song by his first band The Prime Movers. Way, way cool.

Total Chaos: The Story of The Stooges is available on Amazon or Thrdmanbooks.com. COURTESY THIRD MAN BOOKS

"People who are interested in Iggy and the Stooges, I think it's a natural," says the biographer who's become a friend of the frontman.

He solicited the opinions of several A-list rockstars about the effect this uncharacteristic band has had on them. A definite highlight of Total Chaos is the amazing story Dave Grohl relates about how his life was profoundly changed by Pop in 1990; the Iggster plucked him from pre-Nirvana obscurity to perform before a room of record executives at Toronto's Bovine Sex Club of all places.

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Millennial Batgirl breaks traditions

Seth's Dominion
By: Luc Chamberland (director of documentary); Seth (creator of comics)
Publisher: Drawn and Quarterly
$22.95; 41 minutes and 80 pages

Mike Donachie
Metro | Canada

Few superhero reinventions have caused such a stir as this one. Batgirl is back, and this time she's a millennial.

Barbara Gordon has been around since the 60s. Batgirl has existed in many guises, too, with various faces under the cowl, but DC really hit the reset button in recent years, first by restoring Babs as Batgirl in 2011, and then with this 2014 partial relaunch as Batgirl of Burnside.

The gist is that Barbara, living with an empty bank account and having lost her costume in a fire, makes a new outfit with real, actual clothes and some fabric paint. The result is a believable, relatable character who breaks from comic-book traditions. She still fights villains, but she also has a group of friends, online presence and party lifestyle that suit her age group.

It's fast-paced, fun storytelling in a great hardcover book. Cool stuff.

BOOK BRIEFS

Former senator in running for top literary award

Romeo Dallaire is in the running for the $25,000 RBC Taylor Prize recognizing works of literary non-fiction.

Dallaire is on the long list of a dozen contenders for Waiting for First Light: My Ongoing Battle with PTSD (Random House Canada). The book chronicles the retired lieutenant-general's struggles with post-traumatic stress disorder. The former senator and author of Shake Hands with the Devil and They Fight Like Soldiers, They Die Like Children was dismissed from military service in 2000 after being consumed by depression, anger and suicidal thoughts in the aftermath of witnessing the genocide in Rwanda.

The short list will be out Jan. 11. THE CANADIAN PRESS

YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

Your daily crossword and Sudoku answers from the play page.

for more fun and games go to metronews.ca/games

1	5	7	9	4	6	3	2	8
4	3	9	1	8	2	5	6	7
6	8	2	3	7	5	1	4	9
8	7	5	6	9	1	4	3	2
3	2	4	7	5	8	6	9	1
9	6	1	2	3	4	8	7	5
2	1	3	8	6	9	7	5	4
5	9	6	4	1	7	2	8	3
7	4	8	5	2	3	9	1	6

JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Witty, wry, even sad, Fleabag is a sensation

THE SHOW: Fleabag, Season 1, Episode 1 (Amazon Prime)
THE MOMENT: Dissing the ex

Phoebe Waller-Bridge frequently breaks the fourth wall and talks directly to the viewers in Fleabag. CONTRIBUTED

Fleabag (Phoebe Waller-Bridge, who created and writes the show) has just met a buck-toothed man on a bus (Jamie Demetriou). He asks how her ex was fool enough to let her go.

"He was just really kind and supportive," she says. "He'd cook all the time, run baths. Laugh at my jokes. He was great with my family. Plus he was really f—ing affectionate."

She's serious, but Bus Rodent doesn't get it. "Yeah, he sounds like a dickhead," he says.

She gives him her number. "I'll be sure to treat you like a nasty little bitch," he says. She grins into the camera at us.

"Um, that was a joke," he says.

"Oh, I know," she trills. But to us, she frowns.

In this six-part series, Waller-Bridge's sharp-tongued, but secretly self-loathing, Londoner (we never learn her real name) frequently breaks the fourth wall, talking directly to the viewer in the middle of a scene. It's like watching your best friend's home movies while she whispers the real, raunchier story in your ear.

She obsesses about sex, "the performance of it. The awkwardness." She kills time in the failing café she opened with her best pal Boo (Jenny Rainsford). She laments to her uptight sister Claire (Sian Clifford) that her farts now sound like their mum's.

You can see why the show is a sensation. Waller-Bridge is witty and wry and then suddenly sad. Though by the end you may feel that a piece of her soul is still missing, you'd happily come back for more.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

NOBEL PRIZE

Obama honours 4 laureates

President Barack Obama speaks to 2016 American Nobel Prize winners in the Oval Office. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama welcomed four recipients of the Nobel Prize to the White House on Wednesday. Singer Bob Dylan wasn't among them.

Obama used the Oval Office meeting to send a reminder that America is unique in its ability to attract talent from all around the world to study at its universities.

Obama met with Duncan Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz, laureates of this year's Nobel Prize in Physics; Oliver Hart, laureate of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences; and Sir J. Fraser Stoddart, laureate of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Obama said their work would lead to new products and technology, some of which can't be anticipated yet, and would inspire future scholars and scientists.

Dylan was awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize for literature but won't be attending the prize ceremony. He may travel to Stockholm next year and might give his Nobel Lecture then.

There was much speculation going into the day about whether Dylan would skip the White House meeting.

But White House spokesman Josh Earnest said during Wednesday's press briefing that "unfortunately, for those of you wondering, Bob Dylan will not be at the White House today, so everybody can relax."

Earnest says Dylan didn't give a reason, but he noted that Dylan and the president had met previously and "the president enjoyed meeting him."

In 2012, Obama presented the singer-songwriter with a Presidential Medal of Freedom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOOK BRIEFS

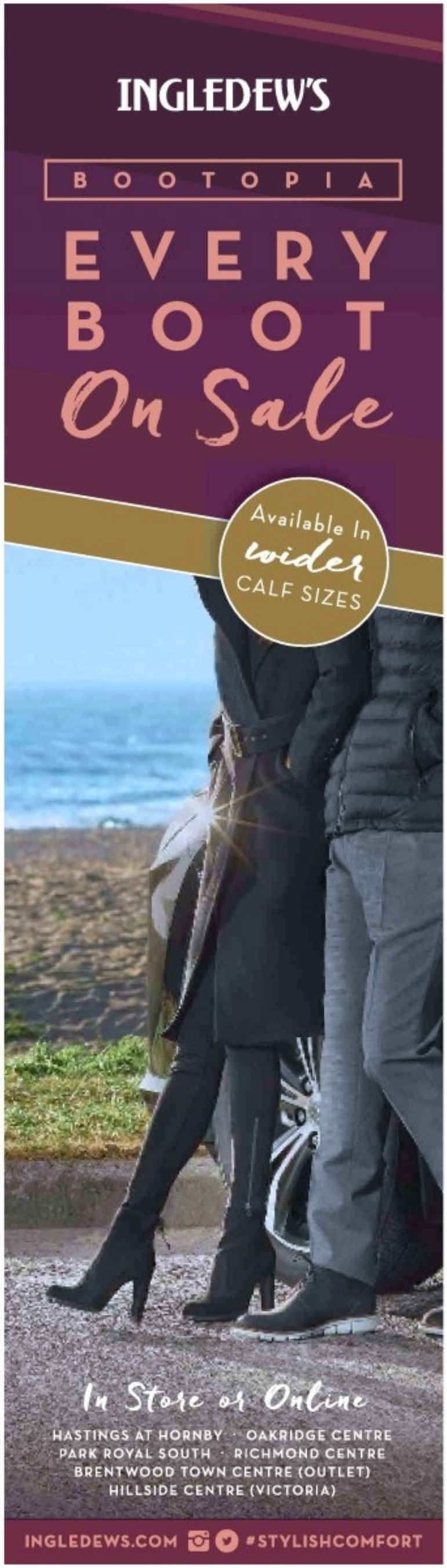
'Bad sex knows no borders'

Acclaimed Italian novelist Erri De Luca has added a somewhat tarnished trophy to his list of accolades — the Bad Sex in Fiction Award.

De Luca won the tongue-in-cheek prize Wednesday for The Day Before Happiness, the story of a Neapolitan orphan growing up after World War II.

Judges said they were swayed by a description of two lovers "like ballet dancers hovering en pointe." They said De Luca's victory "is a reminder that, even in the wake of Brexit, bad sex knows no borders."

A novelist, poet, essayist and translator, De Luca is the 24th winner of the Bad Sex prize, awarded by the Literary Review magazine to spotlight "poorly written, perfunctory or redundant" sex writing. Explicitly pornographic works aren't eligible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



metro HOME
Your essential daily news

Palm Springs 'UFO' home of the late Bob Hope sells for $13 million U.S.

MEET THE CONDO

The height of living

CONTRIBUTED

Project overview

Marquee is the final of three sleek striking towers at the Lougheed Heights development by Bosa Properties and BlueSky Properties. Built with modern, innovating architecture to make living at home a luxurious experience, and situated next to the soon-to-be open Evergreen Line makes this upcoming condo the height of living.

Housing amenities

Residents have access to more than 17,000 square feet of private amenity space. Host holiday dinners or a film festival in the social challenge, get fit in the gym, or kick back with a barbecue. Marquee comes with a temperature-controlled facility in the lobby to keep grocery deliveries cool until residents get home, and electric vehicle powering dedicated parking spaces.

Location and transit

There are several public transportation options available including the upcoming Evergreen Line SkyTrain expansion and Lougheed Town Centre's bus depot. Reach Metrotown in 20 minutes, Commercial Drive in 18 minutes, or downtown in 24 minutes. For those with automobiles Lougheed Highway or Highway 1 are minutes away.

In the neighbourhood

Set in the centre of Metro Vancouver and the heart of a thriving neighbourhood, Marquee residents will be a small walk from up to 350 local shops, restaurants and services including Lougheed Town Centre. Spend time at The Wild Fig, get fresh greens from Kin's, or enjoy several Asian delights along North Road such as Korean barbecue, sushi, Thai, and more.

NEED TO KNOW

What: The Marquee
Developer: Bosa Properties Inc., BlueSky Properties Inc.
Builder: Bosa Properties Inc., BlueSky Properties Inc.
Designer: Bosa Properties Inc.
Location: Burnaby/Coquitlam (Burquitlam)
Building: High-end high-rise condos
Sizes: 632 to 1035 square feet
Model: One, two, and three-bedroom homes
Pricing: Please contact the sales centre
Status: Selling
Occupancy: Fall 2019
Sales centre: 581 Clarke Road
Phone: 604-939-2677
Website: blueskyproperties.ca/lougheed

Give the gift of delicious coffee

Treat them to Headline Coffee, the subscription service that delivers a new, Fairtrade certified coffee each month.

Order by December 22 for early January delivery.

headlinecoffee.ca

MAKE SURE IT'S FAIRTRADE

TRIOMPHE

PERFECT HOMEOWNER BENEFIT PROGRAM

LIMITED TIME OFFER — SAVE UP TO $15,000*

RESIDENTIAL LUXURY IN BRENTWOOD.
CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER
WITHOUT VANCOUVER PRICES.

1 Bedrooms from $370s

+ Air conditioning in every home + 9' ceilings + Triomphe Pavilion: 3-storey amenity building with swimming pool + Extra large balconies + Forever views + Close to new Whole Foods Market
+ Steps to Gilmore Station + One block to Vancouver + 15 minutes to Downtown Vancouver
+ 5 minutes to Second Narrows bridge

VISIT US TODAY TO LEARN HOW TO SAVE $15,000*!

PRESENTATION CENTRE Unit B–4247 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby, BC
Open Daily from 12–5PM (except Fridays)
10,000 sf Presentation Centre with two full display suites
604.828.1373 | info@triompheresidences.com

MILLENNIUM

TRIOMPHERESIDENCES.COM

*Offers only apply to select homes. Total savings may vary depending on suite type. This offer is open until December 15, 2016. This is not an offering for sale. Any such offering for sale can only be made with the applicable disclosure statements. E&OE

magnum projects ltd

Friends that reno together, stay together

Matthew Chung (right) seen here with his childhood friend and now neighbour Karl. Renovations aren't always fun, but when you get a little help from your friends, the experience changes from a chore to a chance to bond, writes Chung. NICK KOZAK/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RENO ROOKIE

Renovations are the closest thing to 'play' for adult men

Matthew Chung
For Torstar News Service

I'd never felt so relaxed in the midst of a renovation.

Sure, the deck was being demolished, we weren't sure what we'd find underneath and the work had to be completed that weekend or the deck builders wouldn't be able to start on schedule.

But this wasn't my house. It belongs to my childhood friend Karl. He'd organized a small team — his brother, another friend and me — to help fill his dumpster with splintered deck boards. He would have to decide how to remove the poured concrete we discovered below the boards.

All I had to worry about was whether or not Karl had stocked enough beer for post-demolition drinks.

After nearly a year of doing renovations at my own home, I still don't particularly enjoy spending my spare time trying to fix things through trial, error and YouTube.

But I have enjoyed the opportunity to hang out with good people that the projects provide. Especially since, now firmly entrenched in my #adulting years, those opportunities are scarce.

"If not for my discovery of a mysterious crack in my ceiling, a year likely would have passed before I next saw my cousin Tim, a veteran DIY-er.

For instance, as kids, Karl and I played baseball and basketball in the summer and built snow forts in the wintertime.

Now, through coincidence and circumstance (that is, we couldn't afford to buy a house elsewhere in our city) we live just a 10-minute walk from each other. Yet I doubt we would see each other as often as we do if not for one of us seeming to always have a project on the go.

I guess the closest thing to "play" for adult men, short of beer league softball and pickup hockey, is home renovations.

Except there's a lot at stake in this game, which makes me grateful for the friends who either know more than I do or are just eager to lend a hand.

If not for my discovery of a mysterious crack in my ceiling, a year likely would have passed before I next saw my cousin Tim, a veteran DIY-er with experience repairing walls and ceilings.

Instead, we spent half-a-dozen weekends catching up and sharing stories, while working toward hanging drywall in my living and dining room.

I'm sure that by the second weekend he was wishing he hadn't responded to my Facebook messages. But we were all smiling a couple of months later when my wife and I were able to host Tim, his wife and their daughter for dinner in the dining room he'd helped me renovate. So, I was smiling wide as I took baseball-style swings with a sledgehammer at what had been Karl's deck steps, not just because it was fun but because I was thinking of all the barbecues he'd be hosting next summer.

"Are you going to put in a hot tub?" I quipped between carrying cinder blocks and wood to the bin.

Meanwhile, Karl's brother considered Karl's plans to build a two-level deck and joked, "Have you thought about building a slide?" Now, that's what friends are for.

Matthew Chung, 33, is a communications manager living in and attempting to renovate his first house. You can follow his progress on Instagram @mjechung.

WE TRIED IT

Life-hack put to the test: shaving cream on the mirror

Ariel Teplitsky
Torstar News Service

The problem
You want to shave, put on makeup, brush your teeth or just stare into your own beautiful eyes after a nice refreshing shower — but now the mirror is all fogged up.

You could wipe it with your hand, but that will leave streaks and the fog will fast return, a perplexing problem indeed.

Dear lord, there must be a better way!

The solution
Your most petty prayers have been answered. According to life hack science, all you need is a dollop of shaving cream.

Let's see if it works.

Step 1:
Squirt

Step 2:
Smear

Step 3:
Wipe away with a wet cloth.

Step 4:
Hot 'n' steamy shower.

The result
The mirror is all fogged up! That didn't work at all.

But what if the problem was the shaving cream I used?

Maybe the all-natural, fragrance-free, "botanical blend" cream is lacking in fog-inhibiting chemicals.

Test 2:
I redo the test with good, old-fashioned, totally unnatural shaving foam, smearing it on the mirror then wiping it away before hopping in a hot shower.

The result:
Eureka!

It worked perfectly, leaving a circle of clarity in the middle of a fogged-up looking glass. Life hackers recommend the technique for defogging eyeglasses and windows as well.

May the view of your perfect face never be obstructed again.

The shaving-cream life hack checks out, but not if you use the natural stuff. ISTOCK

REAL ESTATE **ALL STARS**

*FIND **THE BEST** LOCAL REALTOR NEAR YOU*

DUNBAR/SHAUGHNESSY

MARK WIENS

PERSONAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION
SUTTON WEST COAST REALTY

Market your home beyond the MLS® at China's largest property show in Shanghai with Vancouver's Caucasian, yet Mandarin speaking REALTOR®. With over 5,000 VIP high net-worth buyers in attendance, this is a great opportunity. Don't delay. Call today.

Cell: 778-840-SOLD (7653)
Email: mark@markwiens.ca

Mark Wiens

Personal Real Estate Corporation
Sutton West Coast Realty

Market your home beyond the MLS® in both Vancouver and China with Vancouver's leading Caucasian, yet Mandarin speaking REALTOR.

Tel: 778-840-SOLD (7653)
www.markwiens.ca

DUNBAR/ SHAUGHNESSY

Kenneth Cho

Planning to buy or sell?

Together let's make a plan that works for you!

Call today.

RE/MAX Select Properties

Tel: 604.780.9035
kenneth@kennethcho.ca

VANCOUVER

Brent Roberts

Royal LePage
Brent Roberts Realty

Brent has spent 27 years helping thousands of families sell their home.

Call Today for a Free Market Evaluation.

Tel: 604-220-0000
brent@brentroberts.com

SURREY / LANGLEY DELTA

Sandra Miller

Bay Realty

As a lifelong resident of Crescent Beach, I know our community. I have delivered RESULTS since 1990.

SANDRA MILLER

Tel: 778.833.1169
SandraMiller.ca

WHITE ROCK/ SOUTH SURREY

Leo Wilk | Real Estate

Personal Real Estate Corp.

Your Top Vancouver Condo Specialist.

LEOWILK

Tel: 604.729.5203
leo@leowilkrealestate.com
www.leowilkrealestate.com

FALSE CREEK

VANCOUVER RENT iT

Vancouver Rent It

Coldwell Banker Prestige Realty

Professional Property Management Services

We Will Manage Your Unit
Manage Your Tenant
Help Build Future Value

COLDWELL BANKER

Tel: 604.910.7368
www.vancouverrentit.com

COAL HARBOUR

ARE **YOU** THE

TOP PERFORMER IN THE CITY?

LET OUR READERS KNOW

CONTACT METRO NEWS TODAY!

604-648-3223

ARE **YOU** THE NEXT

REAL ESTATE ALL STAR?

CONTACT METRO NEWS TODAY!

604-648-3223

metro SPORTS

The Canadian Olympic Committee has partnered with the creative agency that developed the Toronto Raptors' "We The North" campaign

A wet and wild comeback

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS

TFC to host title match after history-making win over rivals

The champagne bottles spelling out TFC on the floor of the Toronto FC locker-room told the story. As did the big bin of empty beer cans.

In its 10th season, Toronto FC is one game away from celebrating the MLS championship. There have been times in this franchise's checkered history where that seemed a pipe-dream.

Prior to 2014, Toronto scored double-digit wins in a season just once in seven years. The front office was expert mostly in rolling back ticket prices to try to retain once-loyal fans. There was a revolving door policy to players, coaches and philosophy.

But Wednesday night wiped out much of that misery.

Greg Vanney's team got to the championship game against Seattle in a where's-the-Gravol, roller-coaster ride of an Eastern Conference final against the Montreal Impact.

Substitutes Benoit Cheyrou and Tosaint Ricketts scored two minutes apart in extra time to send Toronto to the MLS Cup final with a 5-2 win on the night and a wild 7-5 aggregate victory over the Impact.

"One of our messages was there was no way, no chance, no how we were going to be outcompeted tonight in front of our fans in our stadium," said Vanney. "And we were going to run hard and we were going to run through everything that we had to make sure that those margins turned in our favour."

Toronto FC captain Michael Bradley lifts the MLS Eastern Conference championship trophy in Toronto on Wednesday night.
VAUGHN RIDLEY/GETTY IMAGES

It took extra time and 12 goals to decide a scintillating series. Toronto will host the Sounders on Dec. 10 in the MLS championship game, becoming the first Canadian team to go for the title.

"For me, the most exciting playoff event that I've ever been a part of," said Vanney. "And for sure that I've ever seen."

"Tonight was a special night," said captain Michael Bradley. "Ten days from now we want to do one better."

SECOND LEG In Toronto

TORONTO FC	IMPACT MONTREAL
5	2

TFC WINS 7-5 ON AGGREGATE

Toronto trailed 3-2 after Game 1 in Montreal and had to come back the hard way after the Impact scored first. And when Toronto responded, Montreal came back in a heavyweight battle played out in the rain before a BMO Field record crowd of 36,000.

Only once before in MLS playoff history had a club trailed by as many as three goals in a two-leg aggregate series and come back to win the tie. The San Jose Earthquakes were down 4-0 in 2003 before rallying to defeat the Los Angeles Galaxy 5-4.

Tied 5-5 on aggregate, Cheyrou scored on a header in the 98th minute, just one minute after entering the game, when he knocked in a Steven Beitashour cross. Then Jozy Altidore outmuscled a couple of defenders to send in a cross that Ricketts, beating two more defenders to the ball, swept in. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CHAPECOENSE

'We will rebuild this club'

Six players, a handful of support staff, and deep sorrow are all that remain of Brazil's Chapecoense soccer club.

They will still try to play again. Because they know that's what their 19 teammates who died when a charter plane ripped into an Andean mountainside would want them to do.

"In the memory of those who died and to honour their families, we will rebuild this club from scratch so it is even stronger," club director and local businessman Cecilio Hans said. "We had material assets and human assets. Now we've lost nearly all of our human assets."

3

Only three players survived the crash, and all are recovering at a hospital in Colombia.

Other clubs in Brazil's top league are offering to loan players to Chapecoense, with a proposal that the modest club in deep southern Brazil is guaranteed to stay in the top division for the next three years.

"The club will rebuild, I am sure," said Walter Feldman, secretary general of the Brazilian Football Confederation. "Eight clubs have already called me to offer concrete, material solidarity. We are studying ways to best help."

Monday's crash occurred as the team was on its way to the two-game final of the Copa Sudamericana — the No. 2 tournament on the continent.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A boy takes part in a tribute to the victims in Medellin, Colombia, on Wednesday.
RAUL ARBOLEDA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SEAHAWKS

Shead and Thomas working way back

The Seattle Seahawks are hopeful starters Earl Thomas and DeShawn Shead will return for Sunday's game against Carolina.

Coach Pete Carroll said Wednesday that Thomas and Shead were expected to practice. Both players suffered hamstring injuries two weeks ago in a win over Philadelphia and missed last Sunday's loss to Tampa Bay.

Shead is considered to be ahead of Thomas in the recovery process and Carroll said the status of both likely won't be determined until Saturday. Thomas missed the first game of his career when he was unable to go against the Buccaneers.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DeShawn Shead, left, and Earl Thomas GETTY IMAGES FILE

IN BRIEF

MLB players and owners reach tentative labour deal

Baseball players and owners reached a tentative agreement on a five-year labour contract Wednesday night, a deal that extends the sport's industrial peace to 26 years since the ruinous fights in the first two decades of free agency.

After days of near round-the-clock talks, negotiators reached a verbal agreement about 3-1/2 hours before the expiration of the current pact. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MMA

GSP among stars who launch guild

Former UFC champions Georges St. Pierre, Cain Velasquez and T.J. Dillashaw have joined an attempt to form a mixed martial arts fighters association.

Current UFC fighters Donald (Cowboy) Cerrone and Tim Kennedy also announced their participation Wednesday in an organizing effort led by fighters and joined by Bjorn Rebney, the former CEO of Bellator.

The Mixed Martial Arts Athletes Association is the latest attempt to organize fighters in a famously individualistic sport into a collective bargaining unit.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVALS

Three of the involved fighters are represented by Creative Artists Agency, a rival of the WME-IMG conglomerate which bought the UFC earlier this year.

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Fragrant One Pot Sweet Potato and Arugula Pasta

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The peppery arugula and woody rosemary are the perfect match for sweet potato in this dish designed for fall.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 500 grams penne pasta
- 8 cups baby arugula
- 1 sweet potato, diced into small cubes
- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 shallot, cut into thinly sliced
- 1 sprig of rosemary
- 3 Tbsp of olive oil, plus 1 for garnish
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 6 cups water
- 1/2 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

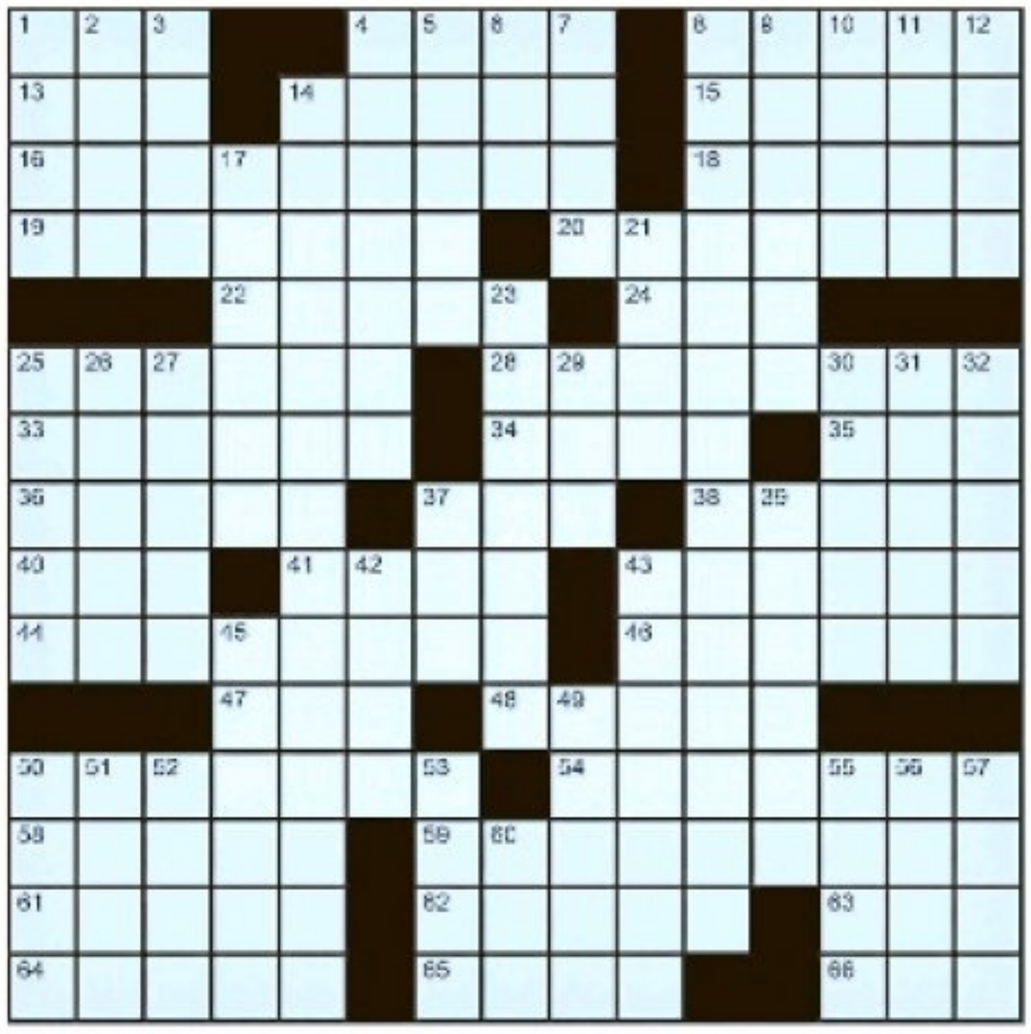
1. Combine penne, arugula, sweet potato, garlic, shallot, rosemary, 2 Tbsp oil, salt and water in a stock pot. Bring to boil over high heat. Cook, stirring pasta frequently, until pasta is cooked al dente and water is nearly evaporated, about 10 minutes.

2. Remove pot from heat and take out the rosemary stem. Stir in the last tablespoon of oil, cheese and season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with another sprinkle of cheese.

FOR MORE MEAL IDEAS, VISIT SWEETPOTATOCHRONICLES.COM

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. River for Calgary
4. Biblical land where Moses was buried
8. Reads 'em and does this
13. A famous Charlotte
14. H.H. __ (British author whose pen name was Saki)
15. Peculiarly
16. Alberta hamlet east of Edmonton
18. __-sized (Printer paper selection)
19. Main meaning
20. Canadian restaurant chain; or, Mr. Grammer's of "Frasier"
22. Fanatic sects
24. Sure-footed animal
25. Conniver's creation
28. NY, ME and CA, e.g.: 2 wds.
33. Guided
34. Mark Antony's love, to pals
35. "__ little teapot..."
36. Swiss-peaks related
37. Cavemen yrs.
38. Canadian ski legend Ms. Greene
40. Needs-to-be-sewn site
41. Spandau Ballet hit
43. Posh couch
44. Worker's wish: 2 wds.
46. Canyon communicator
47. Municipal council member, e.g.
48. Tractor company, John __
50. 1990s MTV personality Daisy
54. Ms. Newton of "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006)
58. Soap actress Ms. Slezak
59. Powerview-__, __, Manitoba
61. Mr. Sedaka's
62. Not connected
63. Dixie Cups song, when doubled
64. Star Trek: Father of Mr. Spock
65. Rhinoplasty location
66. '_' __ in Xylophone

DOWN
1. Hillside
2. Rows
3. Gets hitched
4. Built like a bodybuilder
5. Commencement
6. 1920 T.S. Eliot volume of poetry, __ Vos Prec
7. Strike
8. Frankenstein creator formally, Mary __ Shelley (b.1797 - d.1851)
9. The ancient Turkish city of Urfa as it was known in Mesopotamia
10. The __ (U2 guitarist)
11. Dramatist's creation
12. Hockey Hall of Famer Mr. Apps'
14. Undertaking for the valiant: 2 wds.
17. Draw back
21. Naturalness
23. Deliver the goods
25. Piercing
26. Shakespeare: As You Like It role
27. Pharrell Williams' uplifting hit
29. John and Yoko's son ...his initials-sharers
30. Rio __ Alcan Planetarium (Montreal space attraction)
31. Ryan Seacrest, for one
32. Brit singer Leo
37. Greyhound vehicle
39. The Parthenon goddess
42. Roller Coaster, for example
43. "Hold on just one second and listen!": 2 wds.
45. Grate/bother
49. Sicily's volcano, and namesakes
50. Marshes
51. Carbamide
52. The Queen's cypher: letter + Roman Numeral + letter
53. Duration
55. Gladiator's 559
56. Ms. Gruning of "Casablanca" (1942)
57. Those, in Spanish
60. Company's stock mkt. debut

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a fabulous day to schmooze with others. Enjoy your interactions with groups and friends, as well as partners and those who are close to you. Laugh it up!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you make a great impression on bosses, parents, VIPs and anyone in a position of authority (including the police). Your ambition is strong, and so is your confidence.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Do whatever you can to take a vacation or find a change of scenery, because you need this. Today you want adventure, thrills and a chance to learn something new and exciting!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is an excellent day to discuss shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances, because quite likely you will end up laughing all the way to the bank.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your interactions with others are positive and dynamic today, primarily because you have lots of energy. Because enthusiasm is always contagious, people are pumped to be in your presence.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will get a lot done at work today because you are energetic, focused and upbeat. A happy mind that is ready to work is unstoppable!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Accept all invitations to party, because © 2016 King Features Syndicate, Inc. today is a wonderful, social day for you. Enjoy the arts, sports events, playful times with children and romantic liaisons.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Increased activity and chaos on the home front might be a challenge. However, today you have the energy to pull your act together at home. Do what you can.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be successful in all your communication. This is great news for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write for a living.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a moneymaking day for you! Trust your moneymaking ideas. All of your financial negotiations will benefit you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Fiery Mars is in your sign today, dancing with lucky Jupiter. This gives you lots of positive get up and go! It's a great day for athletics and outdoor activities.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Secret liaisons will be exciting today. (This includes private love affairs.) You're happy to work alone today.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

Every row, column and box contains 1-9

			4	7		3		8
	6						4	
		3			9			5
7			8			2		
5								7
		9			6			4
8			6			7		
	3						9	
6		1		8	5			

ESHWAR ASTROLOGY CENTRE
BORN GIFTED WITH PSYCHIC & SPIRITUAL POWERS
OVERPOWERS AND IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEMS WILL BE SOLVED
9 TIMES MORE EXPERIENCED ASTROLOGER
Reuniting Lost Love
Separation - Divorce
Marriage Problems
Family Issues
Success in Career
Negative Energy
POWERFUL LOVE AND MONEY SPELLS
ANY TYPE OF BLACK MAGIC WILL BE REMOVED IN 3 DAYS
DON'T MISS THE ULTIMATE HEALING EXPERIENCE
604-760-3342 / SURREY. BC

SPIRITUALIST & PSYCHIC
Pandit: JAGADISH
100% GUARANTEE • ALL RELIGIONS WELCOMED
HE CAN HANDLE ANY PROBLEM
IF YOU ARE DISAPPOINTED OTHER FROM OTHER PSYCHICS & PANDITS, THEN MEET ME, GET PERMANENT SOLUTIONS
LOVE, MARRIAGE, BUSINESS, JOB, EDUCATION, FINANCIAL, SUCCESS, HEALTH, COURT CASE, DIVORCE, CHILDREN MISTAKE
REMOVES BLACK MAGIC & GIVES 100% PROTECTION
604.377.7295 | NEAR SUPERSTORE, DELTA

metro
THE HANDY POCKET VERSION!
Get the news as it happens
Download the Metro News App today at metronews.ca/mobile

2 Great Services. 1 Low Price.

comwave® Bundle

✓Keep your existing phone number[1] ✓Unlimited local calling
✓Voicemail ✓Caller ID ✓Call waiting ✓Download speed - up to 6 mbps
✓Upload speed - up to 800 kbps ✓Data usage - 75 GB[2]

High-Speed Internet & Home Phone

$49.95/MONTH

+ applicable taxes

Monthly 911 fee of $1.45 not included

ADD Unlimited Data[3] for only $10 more!

TIE DOMI
"NHL Hockey Pro"

6 MONTHS FREE HOME PHONE

When you transfer your number to Comwave, on a 3 year term

+

FREE Installation
FREE Equipment Rental

... over $240 in savings!

CALL TODAY!

1-866-516-0231

comwave®

Find us on & comwave.net

[1]Service not available everywhere. Monthly local loop Access Fee of $5.95 (if needed) is not included. A one-time activation fee of $59.95 applies. Shipping fees applies. [2]A rate of 25 cents per GB will be charged if usage exceeds the plan's monthly data limit.
[3]Unlimited Data Usage is governed by our Fair Usage policy. VoIP 911 has certain limitations. **Details at comwave.net**.